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NORMAN SIMPKINS TO RECEIVE WELL MERITED HONOR

January 19 will be a big day for Smethport, according to plans now in the making by Bucktail Post, American Legion. On that day a commissioned officer of the U. S. Marine Corps will be in Smethport and will confer the Croix de Guierre upon Norman Simpkins of this place, for courageous conduct while serving with the Marines in France. Norman was engaged in various hazardous tasks during his term of service, one of them being while detailed as a messenger during the fight at Chateau Thierry. It was during this engagement that Bob Cleveland of Crosby sustained a fatal wound and Norman was with him until a short time before his death. Norman was also wounded during this terrific battle This will probably be the only chance Smethport people will ever have to see the ceremony of decoration and the occasion will be made more interesting by a parade of Bucktail Post and many other service men. If the weather is favorable the decorating ceremony and speaking will be held out of doors, otherwise it will be held in the court house. A determined effort is being made to get Col. Rickard of Oil City, beloved officer of the 28th "Iron" Division to visit Smethport that day and deliver an address.

Monday, January 19, has been declared a holiday by Burgess Warley Gifford of Smethport.

Further activities are under way in the Bucktail Post regarding the county reunion of service men to be held in Smethport, July 3 and 4, 1920 and a committee from the Post will confer with the Conopus Club soon regarding plans for the big event This will undoubtedly be the largest public gathering ever held in Smethport and every man, woman and child in the community should add their assistance in any way requested to make it a tremendous success.

The day's program will conclude with a dance at the Lyceum.

OVERHEAD CROSSING

The MINER is informed that the county commissioners will take steps to include an overhead crossing at Marvin street, where the Shawmut railroad crosses, in the improvement of that street which is part of the proposed Smethport to Mt. Jewett route which is being surveyed and upon which work is expected to start in the spring. The highway along Marvin street will have to be raised to a considerable extent to obviate the danger of floods, and the expense of an overhead crossing at this point would not be large. This would eliminate one dangerous crossing and people of this vicinity will hope that the county commissioners will bring this improvement about.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If the family be the social unit it is essential that religion strike its roots in the life of the home. Christian homes will make a Christian nation. Come and hear this subject discussed at the morning service this coming Sabbath. Parent that was a sacred vow you made at the Baptism of your child. What are you doing to fulfil it? You can at least send your child to Sunday school. Bible school at 11:45 a. m. Sunday will be Missionary day.

FOR SALE

A six-piece library set consisting of a library table, 2 rocking chairs 2 straight chairs and jardiner stand; practically new. Inquire at this office. adv1w2

FOR SALE AND SERVICE

Breed cows and young stock. Pure bred Jersey and Guernsey bulls, registered. Also Chesterwhite boar. James N. Hackett, Smethport, Pa. Phone 189-R-3. adv1w3

HOUSE FOR RENT

Inquire of Dr. Robert Hamilton. adv2w1

GOBS VS. DOUGHBOYS

The great basketball event of the season has finally been arranged and on Thursday, January 15, at the Lyceum will occur the long expected clash between the Gobs and the Doughboys. This will be a battle worth coming miles to see as both these teams are out to win and the contest will be a hot one. Make your plans to be present on this interesting occasion—if you don't you will always regret it. The Gobs will present McDermott, Broughton, Hull Holder and Kohn; while the probable personnel of the Doughboys is Nellis Heinlein or Clark, McCarthy, Denning and Livermore, which are some fifty line-ups, according to basketball authorities.

Tonight at the Lyceum Eldred will do battle with the Cupids. Last Friday night the Cupids added another scalp to their belts by defeating Shinglehouse 66 to 28.

As a preliminary to the great game January 15, a team from Bucktail Post will play the High School team

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

Monday was a busy day around the court house all the officials, being sworn in and some new appointments made. Those taking the oath of office included: Eugene McCann, County Treasurer; Joseph Robinson Sheriff; A. R. Anderson, Recorder; E. G. Potter, District Attorney; Ben F. Starsky, Prothonotary; John D. Eastman, Register of Wills; O. S Gahagan, A. J. Bond and J. P. O'Connor, County Commissioners; A. A. Abbey, F. A. Burdick and Warely Gifford, Auditors. Mr. Gifford was appointed in place of B. T. Garlick who resigned on account of ill health and is now in a sanitarium at Hornell.

Clerk of Courts Lindsey announced the appointment of E. G. Bouton, son of Judge Joseph W. Bouton as chief deputy clerk. Mr. Bouton also was appointed a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Robinson, and sworn in today.

The County Commissioners held their first meeting and organized electing Mr. Grahagan president and Mr. Bond, secretary. Miss Ruth Walker of Smethport, who has been assistant clerk for several years, was appointed chief clerk. Charles O. Taylor was re-appointed Superintendent of the McKean County poorhouse.

In the county treasurer's office Mrs Eugene McCann and Miss Jennie Hopkins of Coudersport are acting as deputies. In the recorder's office H E. Tull is deputy.

MYSTERY SOLVED

Clarion, Pa., Jan. 6.—Clarion county brings forth a tale from life that rivals most of the 'big sellers.' At the same time a "murder mystery" of 1884 is cleared up, and the good name of the "murdered," Samuel Keaster re-established, not, however, until after he had been committed to an insane asylum and had died with people believing him guilty.

Keaster lived on a farm between Callensburg and Knox in the early '80s, having married a widow with two sons. In 1884, when one of the boys was 12 years old and the other 10, they disappeared and no trace of them could be found.

Word went abroad that Keaster had killed the boys and made away with the bodies. The accusation so preyed on Keaster that he lost his reason and was conveyed to the asylum at Warren.

There he told the keeper that he had murdered one of his stepsons and, becoming fearful lest the other tell of the deed, had likewise killed him. The bodies, he declared, he had buried in a garden. Search was made but they were never found. Keaster died some years ago.

Last month a man appeared in the neighborhood inquiring for Keaster. The stranger proved to be one of the supposedly murdered boys. He explained his disappearance and that of his brother by saying that they had run away, going west. They found employment in the lumber region of the northwest. The younger boy was killed five years after they left home

The older boy had grown to manhood without ever having heard from home, and he decided to spend the Christmas of 1919 in his native village, only to find his relatives had died in the meantime, one with a stain on his name.

JANUARY SALE

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Millinery and Shirt Waists Friday, January 2d to Saturday, January 10th.

adv1w2 MRS. CLAIR WHITE.

CHANGES IN STATE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS

In addition to the following information from the state highway commission it is learned by the MINER that C. E. Lorah, present county highway superintendent has resigned from that position and has accepted the place of assistant district engineer with headquarters at Smethport. Mr Lorah's many friends will be glad to hear that he is going to remain in Smethport.

Harrisburg, January 3. The State Highway Department today announced a reorganization of its forces in the field. The number of department districts is increased from 15 to 18. Six district engineers have been relieved from their duties. Their places have been filled by the promotion of other employes of the State Highway Department. Numerous transfers are announced. The changes become effective January 1.

District engineers relieved from duty are the following:

C. W. Hardt, Harrisburg, who has been in charge of District No. 2; Arthur S. Clay, Bloomsburg, District No. 3; H. W. Claybaugh, Franklin District No. 4; W. F. Cressman, Philadelphia, District No. 7; W. O. Bennett, DuBois, District No. 8; W. H Bircher, Scranton, District No. 12.

Clay, Claybaugh, Hardt and Cressman are transferred to the township division of the State Highway Department. Bennett is made superintendent of McKean county.

W. R. Wollinger, for some time district engineer at Allentown, has been promoted to be an assistant construction engineer with headquarters at Harrisburg.

Under the reorganization, as announced by the State Highway Department, the 18 districts of the State are in charge of the following district engineers:

District No. 1, composed of Clinton Centre and Clearfield counties—D. C Stackpole, with headquarters at Bellefonte.

District No. 2, composed of Dauphin Lebanon and Lancaser counties—C W. Erisman, with headquarters a Harrisburg.

District No. 3, composed of Columbia, Snyder, Montour, Northumberland, Union and Sullivan counties—H. G. Harper, with headquarters for

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There will be an adjourned meeting of the Smethport Fire Department recalled at the hose parlors, tomorrow, Friday night and every member of the department is urged to be present on this occasion as important business will be transacted. While the members of the department respond willingly and rapidly to the fire alarm when their services are needed there seems to be a deplorable lack of interest in their meetings. This feeling reflects itself in the attitude of citizens in general who do not give the department nearly the attention it deserves. The fire department is one of the most important branches of the community's welfare and its neglect is going to make effects in the form of advanced insurance rates felt very soon unless something is done to install new interest in the membership and also to provide them with new and improved apparatus to take the place of that worn by the usage of years We must have an active, well-equipped, efficient fire department. While we may not need it today, tomorrow may develop a situation that will cause thousands of dollars' loss because of the lack. As fire-fighters, the membership is always to be depended upon, but it must have new equipment in order to reach satisfactory efficiency. The movement for a better department should start within the organization and when its needs are known it would seem to be a matter for every organization in town to co-operate in supplying these needs Make the new start tomorrow night if you are a member by being in attendance at the meeting.

FOR SALE—A growing general insurance business; owner wishing to retire. 231 N. 5th st, Olean, N. Y.

McKEAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

THE 1920 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS. BRIEF REVIEW OF PAST YEARS THE FINACIAL SIDE OF THE FARM BUREAU. FOUR MALE AYRSHIRE CALVES, COSTING $2,400 BROUGHT IN THE COUNTY.

When institutions become fixed in the community it is often hard to appreciate their value or usefulness. This is especially true of the Farm Bureau. Much of its work will not be fully realized until future years.

The purpose of this article is to bring before the readers some of the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau in McKean County during the past year, how it is financed, and a program of it projects to be undertaken this year.

For several years past the milk situation of Kane has been in an unsettled condition. Early last year the dairymen of that section, aided by the Farm Bureau and State College formed what is known as the Kane Fairy Co-operative Association with a capital of $10,000 and fifty-two stockholders. This concern receives 1,600 quarts of milk a day. Three wagons deliver the milk of Kane, where between $200 to $225 per day. Through the association the farmers purchase a carload of dairy feeds about every ten days. They will buy their fertilizers, grass seeds and different farm supplies for the coming season.

The curb market of Bradford has received aid during the past season from the Farm Bureau. This market has met with such success that Kane through the guidance of the Farm Bureau, is about to undertake the establishment of a market.

The McKean County Farm Bureau has taken a prominent part of organizing and perfecting the Dairymen's League. The county has six local organizations and its benefit has been [illegible] During the past season the County Agent has spent some time in the Grange work. He helped to reorganize Coryville Grange, which is today one of the strongest in the county.

Other lines of work will be taken up later on in this article, for they blend in with the proposed projects of 1920.

For the present let us consider the financial side of the Farm Bureau.

THE FINANCES OF THE FARM BUREAU

Realizing that farming is the most important single industry of the country the national government has given strong financial aid to the development of agriculture.

The Smith-Lever law makes County Farm Bureaus possible in Pennsylvania and other states. This law grants to each state sums of money based on the size of their rural populations. The states must provide similar amounts, the whole to be used in placing men trained in agricultural colleges in charge of the numerous Farm Bureau in the country. As Pennsylvania has a large rural population and our State Assembly has been prompt in meeting the national government more than half way in this movement our State gets more from the Smith-Lever appropriation than any other state.

The assembly has furthermore made it legal for the County Commissioner to appropriate from county funds amounts up to $2,500 to assist in meeting the local expenses of farm bureaus in this state. This action was necessary as the Smith-Lever law provides only for the payment of the salary of the County Agent. Other and necessary expense must be met by the communities served by the Farm Bureau.

The auditors made the following report for McKean County Farm Bureau for last year.

Receipts—	
County Commissioners	$1,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	177.00
Total	$1,177.00
Disbursements—	
Supplies	$ 64.26
Telephone	59.07
Heat	35.10
Rent	120.00
Stenographer	494.00
Printing	36.95
Auto Expenses	314.22
Traveling	94.54
Postage	83.98
Total	$1,302.03

During the past year the services of the County Agent have been at

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CONOPUS CLUB STARTS NEW ACTIVITIES

An important and interesting meeting of the Conopus Club was opened at the Imperial Hotel Monday noon by the reading of the proposed by-laws by E. A. Studholme, chairman of the drafting committee, and upon motion the by-laws were adopted The matter of the expenses and salary of the secretary were satisfactorily adjusted, and the secretary empowered to make application for a charter. The charter will be presented to the club next Tuesday evening at a meeting at the Grand Central Hotel and this occasion will be made especially interesting as it also will be ladies' night. Prizes will be awarded aside from the usual weekly prizes of the club to the guests at this meeting, J. A. Nellis, F. G. Potter and M M. Pomeroy being appointed a committee to look after the ladies' prizes Claud Shattuck, F. D. Gallup and M S. Geary were named as the entertainment committee for that evening

A motion was carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the road supervisors of Keating, Lafayette, Foster and Bradford townships, and also with the board of county commissioners, with a view of getting Minard Run road widened and placed in passable condition; and that this committee further confer with the Bradford Conopus Club, with a view of getting them to take similar action. This is a very important matter as this stretch of road is on the only highway between Bradford and Smethport that will not be blocked for the next year or two by construction operations, and every effort will be made to have it placed in a safe and serviceable condition for travel.

F. H. Hungerville, M. M. Pomeroy and H. H. Redfield were named to look after this matter.

President J. W. Bouton suggested that all reports of committees be made in writing.

A motion was made and carried that some action be taken to have the proposed improved state road moved from the east to the west side of Potato Creek. This matter has been discussed in a previous issue of the MINER and aside from the fact that it would be of great benefit to Smethport as the change would probably provide for the paving of Mechanic street from the corner of Main to Bank and Bank street to the borough line, it seems to be the opinion of a majority of those interested that it is the more extensively traveled route and therefore should be the one improved.

Committees in charge of various matters are as follows:

To confer with the Public Service Commission to endeavor to make the Kushequa system improve its railroad service or quit operations—Guy B Mayo, T. F. Hungiville and J. C Backus.

To call upon the county commissioners relative to street lighting in front of the court house—M. M. Pomeroy, E. A. Studholme and George H Denning.

To confer with borough council regarding lighting of street lamps in the evening—F. D. Gallup, M. S. Geary and P. S. Crossman.

It is understood that W. J. Kerr and Lincoln Green contemplate the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of toys. A committee was appointed to confer with these gentlemen relative to the establishment of their factory in Smethport, Sanford Fry, T. F. Hungiville and S. F. Redfield.

Entertainment committee for the month is composed of J. C. Backus T. H. Morrison and R. E. Burdick.

Weekly prize was won by P. S Crossman, one-half dozen collars donated by S. L. Fry.

NOTICE

I will be pleased to furnish feed to any one knowing the location of ring neck pheasants, or grouse, so that the birds may be taken care of during the winter.

adv2w1 L. K. HOGARTH.

Mrs. E. E. Buell of Bradford will give an entertainment, "The Melting Pot," under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., in the Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, January 13, at 8 o'clock Admission, 15 and 25 cents. Don't fail to hear her. adv2w1

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the borough council was held at the council rooms in the hose house Monday evening. The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:10 p. m.

The following members were present, Hackett, Hull, Lindholm, Hopper and Hungerford. Burgess Warley Gifford and solicitor Thomas H. Morrison were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The following bills were read:

C. O. Larson, rent of dump ground, $25.00.

Bunce and Carl, putting in sidewalk, $950.87.

Smethport Garage Co., compound $1.50.

Provin and Sturdivient, gasoline $6.00.

Holmes and Gilliilan, labor, etc., $62.11.

James Quirk and Sons, work on tractor, $35.30.

Fred W Hallstrom, labor, $2.25.

Chas. W. Masser, hardware, $20.42.

L. D. Gifford, labor, $6.75.

John J. Hallstrom, street commissioner, $75.00.

James Tammany, street lights, $75.

B. T. Garlick, hardware, $6.46.

Smethport Water Company, water, $47.50.

M. H. Kelly, dray, $3.57.

C. B. Dickinson, police duty, $70.00.

Warley Gifford, burgess, $50.00.

T. H. Morrison, solicitor, $12.50.

L. E. Herzog, taking care dam, $10.

F. H. Biever, secretary, $59.32.

Moved by Hopper and seconded by Hungerford that bills as read be paid except the Bunce and Carl bill, and that secretary be instructed to take the matter up with Mr. Carl Carried.

Moved by Hackett and seconded by Hopper that secretary secure the foot frontage of the property owners on East street and sendthem a bill for 25 cents per foot for new sidewalk. Carried.

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Hull that we adjourn, sine die. Carried. Adjourned at 9:05 p. m.

A meeting for organization of the new council was called to order by Burgess Warley Gifford at 9:10 p. m. The new council consists of J. S. Hull, four years; W. H. Hungerford, four years; J. A. Lindholm, four years; C. M. Colegrove, two years; B. T. Garlick, two years; Claude Hackett two years; W. B. Hopper, two years.

All members were present except B. T. Garlick.

Moved by Hopper and seconded by Hackett that we elect C. M. Colegrove as president of the council. Carried.

Moved by Hackett and seconded by Hungerford that we elect F. H. Biever as secretary and that the salary be the same as in former years. Carried.

Moved by Lindholm and seconded by Hopper that we elect T. H. Morrison as solicitor for four years. Carried.

Moved by Hackett and seconded by Hopper that we elect Charles Lemmler as treasurer. Carried.

Application and letter from C. B. Dickinson read.

Moved by Hopper and seconded by Hackett that the election of a police man be put over until our next regular meeting. Carried.

Application from the Bucktail Post American Legion, that they be furnished with rooms for a place of meeting read.

Moved by Hackett and seconded by Hopper that we grant to Bucktail Post, American Legion the use of the hose parlors for meeting purposes Carried.

Communication from R. E. Burdick read.

Moved by Lindholm and seconded by Hackett that the street commissioner be instructed to move and store the Frog fountain until further notice Carried.

Mr. Brogan was present and talked of means for securing fire apparatus.

Moved by Hackett and seconded by Hopper that the president appoint a member of the fire committee to take the place of Mr. Garlick who is unable to act. Carried.

President appointed M. S. Geary. H. L. McCoy was appointed a member of the board of health for five years.

Moved by Hopper and seconded by Hull that the president appoint a committee of three to prepare a budgett of the expenses to run the borough for 1920. Carried.

Committee—Hopper, Hungerford Hull.

Moved by Hackett and seconded by Hull that we adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

CASH PRICE ONLY

MASSER BROTHERS CO.

CASH PRICE ONLY

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th

The ever advancing prices of today make this Sale unusually interesting. Many lots of merchandise at extremely low price.

Special interest at this time will be our Muslin Underwear Sale being at the same time.

Women's Shoes

Coin Toe medium heel; value today, $7.00 and $8.00.

300 to 400 Pairs.

$2.00 and $4.50 Only

Children's Shoes

Black Calf Skin Shoes, Spring Heel—2 to 8 years old.

$1.65.....Worth $2.25

$2.25.....Worth $3.00

Many odd pairs at Close-out Prices.

Muslin Underwear

Gowns, Teddy Bear Suits, Corset Covers, Bloomers, Petticoats—All new goods just received—bought last summer.

Coats

Women's and Children's. Every Coat at a Sale Price. Come and get yours.

These are only a few of many record prices that can be had at this Sale.

Don't forget the date, January 10th to 17th, 1920.

Linoleum

Burlap Back, best grade—

$1.35 and $1.50 square yard, six designs.

Felt Base Linoleum, Special 75c Sq. Yard.

Congoleum Mats

35 Each

Rubber Door Mats, 75c—Worth over $1.00

Short lengths of Linoleum at reduced prices.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 29—John J. Dudick of Bradford, Pa., and Susan Kutchmire of Custer City, Pa.

John Rich and Barbara Caroline Eck, both of Kane, Pa.

December 30—Claude Geary of Roulette, Pa., and Clara Elizabeth Franklin of Custer City, Pa.

Alford G. Bush and Mary Iva Holder, both of Smethport, Pa.

December 31—John Philip Adam of Candersport, Pa., and Norine Lovell of Port Allegany, Pa.

Frank J. Edmund of Salamanca N. Y., and Anna McFarland of Bradford, Pa.

Jayce McGee of Colegrove, Pa., and Mrs. Dorry Baker of Betula, Pa.

January 1—Milnay Cihula of West Line, Pa., and Mary Perkopi of Custer City, Pa.

DEEDS

December 30—J. Russell Case and wife, to W. R. Case and Sons, Cutlery Company, Foster et., $9,200.

December 31—Augustus W. Newell heirs of to Cyrus Krepps et al., Bradford, $1.

Rosanna R. Brown and husband to Abe Yasgus, Bradford, $15,000.

Andrew E. Campbell and wife to Walter Van Sickles and wife, Keating $1,000.

E. E. Bryner and Company to L. E. Mallory et al., Foster, $1.

January 1—Elizabeth Boggs to J. B. Jamison, Bradford Twp.

Louise D. Conklin and husband to Andrew Eliason, Bradford, $1,850.

Jessie N. Hoover and husband to Hector M. Norris, Kane, $1.

January 2—Melvina A. Slocum to Wayne M. Hamilton, Bradford, $1.

Charles W. Henry, Admr., C. T. A. to M. F. Quinn Sergeant, $1

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

December 30—Mabel D. Edwards Admr. of to Cecil J. Baker and wife Otto, $1,300.

Kane Trust and Savings Company to John H. Reigel, Wetmore, $11,500.

January 1—Estella L. Groves to Harris Levine, Bradford, $350.

Elizabeth Boggs to J. B. Jamison Bradford Twp., $135.

AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING

Horseshoeing

General Blacksmithing

Having purchased the business formerly conducted by George Howe at East Smethport, we are now ready to attend to all work in the above lines and solicit a share of your patronage.

ANDERSON & JACOBSON

East Smethport, Pa.

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ELDRED

Albert R. Moses, a lifelong resident of this vicinity, died at the hospital at Port Allegany, at 10:30 o'clock, a. m. December 27th. He had been at the hospital since November 29th, and had undergone an operation for prostrate gland on December 1st. He withstood the operation in good shape, but months of suffering had all reduced his vitality so much that in spite of his valiant fight for life it was without avail.

Deceased was born at Turtle Point November 23, 1851. On October 4 1874 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Brown at Portville. While they have not resided in Eldred continuously, they have maintained a home here and may be considered lifelong residents of this town and the sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved ones. Surviving are the widow; two sons, Carl C. Moses of Raleigh, N. C., and John B. Moses of Little Rock, Ark.; one brother C. J. Moses of Shinglehouse and one sister, Mrs. J. E. Wolcott of Eldred. The remains were brought to Eldred Saturday and the funeral was held from the house at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Edwards officiating, and interment was made in Oak Hill. Deceased was a member of the Crosby Tent K. O. T. M.

Marion Potter died at the Kane hospital last Sunday evening, after a couple of weeks' illness of rheumatic heart disease and complications. He had been working for the Sergeant glass company and while at work hurt himself. At the hospital he had gotten able to be about until a short time before he died he was taken down. The remains were brought to Eldred and Dr. Ruff of Eldred and Dr. Mountain of Olean performed an autopsy with the result of determining the cause of his death. Deceased was 18 years of age and leaves a mother and sister, Mrs. Newton Donnelly of Eldred township, and one brother, Harry, of Pittsburgh. The funeral was held from the F. M. Church Wednesday.

The Texas oil lease of 600 acres located in Coleman county, was today assigned by A. B. Henry to B. G. McFall et al, and development in the central Texas oil field will now be watched with added interest by those who have an interest in this holding.

On the evening of December 20th about sixty mostly employees of the refinery surprised Frank F. Mack at his residence on South Main street and spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Mack, who has been superintendent at the refinery several years and been largely instrumental in making it the success it is, has resigned to accept a position in Kentucky. The gathering was to show the great respect the men hold him in. Refreshments were served and with speaking and music made the evening pass quickly. Rev. E. J. Fair weather had the honor of presenting to Mr. Mack a beautiful silver loving cup, engraved as "a token of the esteem Mr. Mack is held by the employes of the Pennsylvania Oil Products Refining Company." He expects to leave for his new field of labor soon.

The house occupied by Robert Smith and four sisters, at Barnum was burned on Saturday night, 20th and contents destroyed. The fire occurred at about 10 o'clock and the children had a time to get out of the burning house in their night clothes. Everything else was burned. The good-hearted people up their at once got busy and raised a good-size purse to help them.

Douglass Denning, son of Mrs. Minnie Denning of Eldred, and Miss Irene Hepworth of Olean were married at the First Baptist Church in Olean Wednesday the 31st. They will reside there where Mr. Denning is employed.

Prof. J. J. Harrington and family were in Driftwood for Christmas. They returned Saturday and the next morning the Professor was presented with a Christmas present in the shape of a bouncing baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Audley Denning at Pittsburgh, November 30th a boy. Mrs. Minnie Denning is visiting her new grandson.

The new road from below Easton's farm to Bullis has been opened to the public and now trips through the swamp road to Bullis is not necessary.—Eagle.

"The Farmer's Worst Enemy—Rats The Farmer's Best Friend—Rat-Snap."

These are the words of James Baxter, N. J.: "Ever since I tried RAT-SNAP I have always kept it in the house. Never fails. Used about $3.00 worth of RAT-SNAP a year and figure it saves me $300 in chicks eggs and feed. RAT-SNAP is convenient, just break up cake, no mixing with other food." Three sizes, 25c 50c $1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Lindholm's grocery, Garlick's hardware and the Hogarth Pharmacy.

FRANK P. SLOCUM DEAD

Frank P. Slocum, long a leading citizen of Bradford, died at his home 137 South avenue, at 5:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, after a long illness. Mr. Slocum was 65 years old.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Helen Mack. Mrs Slocum is seriously ill at the Bradford hospital, and Mrs. G. W. Bigony of New York, a relative, was with the family at the time of Mr. Slocum's death.

Mr Slocum was born in Boonville N. Y., about 65 years ago and graduated from the High school of that place at the age of 17 years. Immediately after graduation he began teaching school at Prospect, N. Y. In 1877 he came to Bradford and for a time was employed as a teacher near Bolivar, N. Y. He also conducted a private school there for a time and was one of the early superintendents of the Bradford public schools.

Mr. Slocum engaged in the cigar and tobacco business here for a time and after being employed by L. Emery, Jr. & Co., then handling jewelry and other lines, he embarked in the jewelry business on his own account for a period. He was for many years district agent of the United States Casualty Company and held that position at the time of his death.

In politics Mr. Slocum was a staunch Republican, but as an ardent admirer of Theodore Roosevelt he espoused Progressive principles when the party schism threatened a disruption. He was president of the Bradford Progressive club and was chosen a delegate to the Progressive convention in Chicago in 1916.

Mr. Slocum served the county for several years as coroner, being elected on the Republican ticket. He was very active in the reorganization of Bradford lodge No. 234, B. P. O. Elks and was a past exalted ruler of that organization. He also was a member of the Maccabee order and of the First Presbyterian Church.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Miss Julia Johnson of Port Allegany is visiting friends in town.

—Howard Workley left Monday for Pittsburgh where he is a student at the university.

—Mrs. Robert Cooper has been confined to her home on Water street for the past week by illness.

—The seniors of Smethport High set of gave a dancing party in Holder's Hall last Friday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb of Port Allegany were recent guests of Mr. Holcomb's parents in this place.

—Mrs. Mary Tillotson and granddaughter, Mary Katherine Dunkle of Clarington, are visiting at the home of J. C. Cunningham.

—Miss Marguerite Mulholland, who has been a guest of Miss Mary Mc Carthy, returned to her home in Hazelhurst Saturday.

—Mrs. Paul Green, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Green, has returned to her home in Batavia, N. Y.

—Mrs. George Hyde, son Hobart and daughter, Dorothy, returned to their home in Buffalo, N. Y., Monday after a short visit with relatives in this place.

Frederick Specht left Monday for his home in Long Branch, N. J., Mrs. Specht remaining for a longer visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Specht.

—Hamlin Burdick entertained a party of friends at his home on West Main street last week Wednesday evening. Dancing was the amusement.

—Craig Workley, Hamlin Redfield and William Howe returned to State College Monday after spending the holidays at their respective home in this place.

—Miss Lillian Michaels, who has been spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Samuel Raymor, returned to her school duties near Port Allegany Saturday.

—Hamlin Burdick, a student of Carnegie Tech at Pittsburgh, Pa., who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Burdick left Monday.

—Miss Katherine Hamilton, a student with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. dent at State College, returned Monday after spending the holiday vacation Robert Hamilton.

—Miss Frederica Green and Miss Harriett Jones, who have been spending the holidays with their parents in this place returned to their school duties at Lock Haven Monday.

—Visitors from Smethport mentioned in the Port Allegany Reporter-Argus include the following: Norine Ridder, Etole Freeman, William Howe, Donald Hogarth, Paul Connolly.

—Miss Myrtle Fields of Hazelhurst was calling on friends in town New Year's day.

—Mrs. M. M. Gillett entertained a party of young folks last week Wednesday evening at a 6 o'clock dinner, at her home on West Main street, in honor of her son, Redfield Gillett.

—Miss Grace Heilman of Buffalo is making a month's visit to her former home here.

—Miss Dorothy Hogarth, who has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth, during the holidays, has returned to Rochester, N. Y., where she is a student at Mechanics Institute.

MT. JEWETT

Ivan, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Grundberg of Westline, was drowned on Sunday, December 21 1919. The young lad had been coasting with a number of other children and was on his way home. He started down the creek on his sled when he fell in an air hole in the ice. A little girl noticed him go underneath the ice and called for help, but he had passed away before they could locate him. Funeral services were conducted at the home and Mt. Nebo Church Mt. Jewett, by Rev. Parson, and the remains laid to rest in Mt. Nebo cemetery. Another sorrow visited the same parents on Friday, December 26th, when their infant daughter, Marcia, about 30 hours old, died. The remains were brought to Mt. Nebo for burial, Monday, December 29th. This is a double sorrow, and the parents have the sympathy of their many friends at Westline and Mt. Jewett.

John Alfred Beckstrom died at his home, West End, from the effects of consumption, Tuesday, December 23rd He was born in Sweden, and at his death was 33 years, 4 months and 10 days of age.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife and one child, and one brother all at home. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Parson, pastor of Mt. Nebo Church, Thursday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in Mt. Nebo cemetery. He was a member of Mt. Nebo Church and Mt. Jewett Lodge, No. 881, I. O. O. F.

Thomas Monkledico of Hazelhurst suddenly dropped dead at his home Tuesday, December 30th, from asthma. At his death he was 65 years, 3 months and 12 days old. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. M. Driscoll, pastor of St. Edmunds Catholic Church of Hazelhurst, after which the remains were taken to Bradford for burial.

Elma May Carpenter died at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Martin at Kasson, Pa., Tuesday, December 30th. She had suffered with sugar diabetes, and at her death was 24 years, 8 months and 5 days old. Burial took place at Corroville, Pa.

On Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stuart of Duke Center, was solemnized the marriage of their only daughter, Olive M., to Peter Falconer of Mt. Jewett. Rev. C. T. Bash, pastor of the United Brethren Church, officiating. The young couple will reside in Mt. Jewett.—Herald.

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FARM BUREAU

(Continued from page 1.

the disposal of the farmers of the county. Some have availed themselves of this opportunity, others have not. During the same time ten State College experts along certain lines of farm work have been in the county nineteen different times for as long as a week each. This service has also been furnished free.

Running expenses as shown by the above report must be met by the community. The report also shows a deficit for 1918. The work of the Farm Bureau through the County Agent, can be made more comprehensive and helpful by the expenditure of more money. Cattaraugus county our neighbor in New York state, has an assistant to the Farm Bureau Agent. Their proposed expenses account for 1920 will amount to $10,000. The McKean County Commissioners on July 1st, generously raised the appropriation for the Farm Bureau to $1,500. A greater response in membership dues for 1919 will also swell the receipts for this year to the amount greater than 1918.

The Farm Bureau by reason of these greater receipts has outlined the most helpful program of projects yet undertaken by the bureau.

GENERAL PLAN OF THE FARM BUREAU

The procedure in general of the Farm Bureau has been to study the soil and climatic conditions of McKean County along with other features such as transportation facilities and farm management of problems This is done in order to form an outline of work to cover several years' time and ultimately to have the energy of the farmers of the county directed along a few definitely organized lines, instead of as many lines as there are individuals in the community.

It has been quite definitely decided that due to the large amount of roughage that can be easily grown and the great acreage of rough land that can be used for pasture along with the shortness of the season, which means corn for ensilage purposes only, that dairying is naturally one of the main lines of endeavor. In order to accomplish the above mentioned, certain projects had to be decided upon; some of which have been in progress and others to be started in the near future.

SOME MAJOR PROJECTS.

Dairy Improvements:
1. Cowtesting Associations.
2. Co-operative Bull Clubs.
3. Breeders Associations.

Sheep Development:
1. Sheep and Wool Growers Association.
2. Pooling and Marketing of Wool.
3. Co-operative Ram Clubs.
4. Demonstrations in Sheep Management.

Potato Improvement.
1. Potato Culture.
2. Co-operative spraying for the Control of Diseases and Insect Pests.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs:
1. Potato Clubs.
2. Calf Clubs.
3. Pig Clubs.

Meadow Improvement:
1. Top Dressed Meadows Demonstration.

Some Minor Projects:
1. Oats Variety Demonstration.
2. Corn Variety Demonstration.

DAIRY PROJECTS.

Cow Testing Associations: Two such organizations have been formed in the county comprising about 52 dairy herds made up of approximately 870 cows, but due to the lack of men who are able to do this work, neither organization has started. The Allegany Valley Association, including Port Allegany and Turtle Point, will begin January 1, 1920, and it is hoped the Eldred-Keating, one including Smethport, Farmers Valley, Corryville and Eldred will be able to locate a man by January 1st.

The purpose of these associations is to keep for at least one year a definite record of the income and expenses on each cow entered in the association. This naturally weeds out all unprofitable cows.

Breed Organizatons: The Holstein Breeders of the county have held two meetings for the purpose of organizing and adopting constitution and by-laws, and will soon be ready to begin business. They have for their purpose, the breeding of more and better Holsteins, the purchase and sale of Holsteins and the eradication of tuberculosis by the "Accredited Herd Plan."

Bull Clubs: The purpose of these clubs is to purchase good pure bred bulls of a definite line of breeding and use each bull in each unit of the organization for two years and then exchange with the next unit, etc., until each bull has been used in every unit. For example, McKean and Potter counties have one organization of four units, two in McKean and two in Potter county. The members of the two units in this county are Worth Smith, Ray Mosier, G. O. Rockefeller Madison Bridge, Carl Coon and Ralph Smith. This association has purchased four Ayrshire bulls of the very best breeding for $600 each. The three nearest dams on the sires side average 19,038 pounds of milk and 899 pounds of butter per year.

SHEEP PROJECTS

Sheep and Wool Growers Association: This association pooled, graded and marketed 15,348 pounds of wool this year to the advantage of the growers to the extent of about 6 or 8 cents per pound. They are now trying to get open season for one year for bear. Throughout the association several demonstrations of tying were given during the past clipping, docking, castrating and wool year.

Co-operative Ram Clubs: Co-operative Ram Clubs will be formed during the coming year. These clubs will operate in the same manner as the Bull Clubs which were mentioned under "Dairy Projects."

POTATO PROJECTS

In this work proper selection of seed will be one feature; better cultural methods a second and co-operative spraying for the control of diseases and insect pests a third. The latter mentioned is by far the most important if we are to improve the quality and increase the yield of potatoes in this county.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB PROJECTS

Potato Clubs: The potato clubs will be made the extensive part of this work. It is hoped that by co-operating with the public school teachers, that it will be possible to have a potato club in every school of the county. Nineteen such clubs were conducted this year. Many valuable prizes were awarded and the first two prize winners of each of the schools are going to exhibit potatoes at the Farm Products Show at Harrisburg January 20th to 23rd, inclusive. If any prizes are won they will be given directly to the individual winner.

Calf Club: The Holstein Breeders Association expects to assist the Farm Bureau Agent in forming calf clubs These clubs are to be formed with boys and girls who will each purchase a pure bred Holstein heifer calf, raise it and breed it to a pure bred bull. It may be necessary for the banks to help the boys and girls in this project.

Pig Clubs: Two such clubs were formed this year with a membership of 29 boys and girls. This means that an additional 3,000 pounds to 6,000 pounds of pork was produced in the county. The main prizes were six pure bred sow pigs, which the winners promise to use as breed sows

MEADOW PROJECTS.

Top Dressed Meadows: For three years such demonstrations have been run at the County Home Farm, showing the effects of different fertilizers on an old meadow. The yield has been increased as much as from 1,400 to 2,400 pounds per acre of cured hay Sodium nitrate has proved to be the most economical in this work. For this reason the Farm Bureau has decided to run a campaign to get more men to top dress their meadows. Because of the small acreage of grain that is raised it is impossible to reseed the meadows as often as they should be and this method of treatment will keep up the yield of hay.

SOME MINOR PROJECTS

Such projects as coen variety, oats variety and potato variety demonstrations will be run as in the past These require less of the County Agent's time, but are nevertheless very valuable and will be continued

FARM BUREAU ASSISTANTS

The Executive Committee of the Farm Bureau chose one man to be placed at the head of each of the major projects to work with the County Agent in carrying out the line of work suggested under each project.

The following is the list:

Dairy Improvement...D. L. Dennis
Eldred, Pa.
Sheep Development..W. R. Ventrees
Port Allegany, Pa.
Potato Improvement...A. T. Larson
Kane, Pa.
Boys' and Girls' Clubs.....
C. W. Lillibridge
Smethport, Pa.
Meadow Improvement.....
Eugene McCarey
Turtle Point, Pa.

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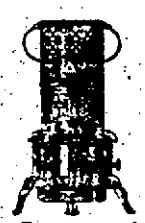

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Independence! What crimes are committed in thy glorious name. The time has come as the walrus most truthfully remarked, to talk of many things, and the most important is the abuse of that honored, traditional term that denotes the basic principle of American liberty. To such uses has it been debased that the so-called independent of the present must reach his sublime type in the Bolshevist. Nowadays one has a right to look askance at a man who feels it necessary to qualify his Republicanism by the prefix, "independent." It was so-called independents that indirectly caused the first election of Woodrow Wilson. It was so-called independents with their "kept us out of war" fallacy that directly caused his election the second time. To follow this reasoning in its natural sequence, it was so-called independents that permitted the sinking of the Lusitania and allowed that frightful crime along with the horrors in Belgium to pass with but weak, futile protests. It was so-called independents that kept the country in a terrible state of unpreparedness for the war that was inevitable. And today it is so-called independents who are willing to sacrifice their glorious heritage of independence to the whim of a power-crazed pedagogue who has worn himself to a pitiful wreck trying to force his will upon an unwilling people. The editor of this paper thanks all his gods on his hands and knees that he has never felt it necessary to qualify his Republicanism by a prefix. The party that brought to the service of their country the genius of Lincoln, the statesmanship of Blaine and McKinley, the executive ability and aggressiveness of Roosevelt, does not need qualification. The party that has kept W. J. Bryan out of the White House for years; that refuses to recognize the anarchist, Victor Berger, who, by the way was elected by "independent" votes; that believes in an America undiluted by foreign management; that has proved the party of liberty and prosperity and stands today the rock that supports the nation, should prove attractive enough to the thoughtful voter to be accepted without reservations.

MUFFING THEIR MISSION

The American Legion at its recent convention in Minneapolis adopted a resolution of which this is the gist: "This organization shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment." In other words, the American Legion voted to keep out of politics.

The theory that brought this resolution to adoption is understandable, but the wisdom of it is doubtful. The men who compose and shall compose the American Legion are the men who fought the war for freedom of the world and won it in its first stages. They fought for and made possible new conditions, new alignments and new liberties.

These new conditions, these new alignments and these new liberties thus born will not live unless the men who fought for their birth fight for their growth and continuance. Our Government is a party Government, and on the quality and character of that Government all these outcomes of the war must depend, in this country as well as in the world, largely, for success.

As our Government is a party Government it is therefore a political Government, and as we rely on the Government for our progress, of which it is the dictator and measurer, so must the Government depend on our politics for its strength or weakness.

What higher or more important mission can these returned and victorious soldiers have than to take part, as a body as well as individuals, in the work of making our politics what our politics should be? How can the lessons they learned in the war be brought to the aid of the whole people in a more effective manner? What were they fighting for if not for a better America, which means a better Government and a better politics to make that Government? Because former organizations may have been partisanly political is no reason why this organization should not be righteously political. It seems apparent that the young men who adopted this resolution considered only the obverse of the situation. The country needs them as much as the country needed them in 1917, if not more. —Saturday Evening Post.

IS REMEDY WORSE THAN THE EVIL?

The Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement frm its Washington headquarters:

It is a notable and significant circumstance that the country has failed to enthuse over the success of Attorney General Palmer in securing adoption of his plan for dismemberment of packing companies handling meat and other food products. The country knows that no good will be accomplished and that in all likelihood the only material effect will be an increase in cost of handling goods, with consequent increase in prices.

What evils may be incident to their magnitude, the packing concerns have been an economic evolution and their present organization contains more potentiality for good than for ill. That every effort should be made to cure the ills, no one will gainsay. But neither will any reasonable man question the assertion that every effort should be made to retain the advantages of superior methods attained by large operations under the best of management.

Let any man go into a small slaughter house and observe the filth, waste of material and waste of labor, as compared with cleanliness and economy in the abattoirs of packing houses in Chicago or Kansas City, and he will not be in doubt as to which is preferable. Let any man go into a small establishment for the preparation of any kind of food—fruits, vegetables, cereals, milk, butter, cheese, or fish, and compare the methods with those which obtain in a large establishment, and his judgment will be passed immediately in favor of the latter. Let any man compare the cost, speed, dependability and convenience of marketing goods through numerous small agencies with similar handling of the same commodities through a large concern, and his verdict will inevitably be in favor of the latter. Public health, efficiency of labor, conservation of material, public convenience, and economy of production are all promoted by the systems gradually built up by large packing houses.

That net earnings of packing companies have been large in the aggregate, is certain. They should be large. Any man or group of men who have the business ability to devise and institute better methods of doing business, who have the enterprise to organize large forces of men for more economical handling of commerce and manufacturing, and who are willing to risk their capital in new adventures, are entitled to reward in proportion to the service they have rendered the public. If, by their better methods, they are able to do at a cost of 75 cents work that previously cost a dollar, under primitive methods, they are entitled to a considerable part of that saving of 25 per cent.

This is not saying that they are entitled to all of the saving, or that they should be free to use in wrongful ways the power that goes with concentration of business in the hands of a few. If their power has been misused either to force producers to sell at too low a price, or to force consumers to pay too high a price, this is an evil for which a remedy should be found. It may be reasonably doubted, however, that the producer will get more or the consumer buy for less as a result of dismemberment of packing concerns.

So far as inordinate profits are involved, this evil, if it exists, can be substantially met through the graduated income tax. If there are excessive profits in the handling of foodstuffs, those profits are contributed by all the people, and the excess will be returnd to all the people through payment of the income tax to the Federal treasury.

But there is little reason to expect that any good will come to either producer or consumer through destruction of large business concerns in which efficiency and economy have been the secret of success.

Chairman Steenerson of the House Post Office Committee has introduced a resolution in the House calling upon the Government departments to report what reductions in the use of print paper can be made by their establishments. Specific inquiry is made as to whether a 10 per cent cut would be too severe. In view of the immense quantity of paper that is used in the publication of the periodicals issued by nearly every bureau, and which have been charged to be largely propaganda, it would appear that Mr. Steenerson's estimate of 10 per cent is a very modest one.

Bryan, Garrison, Garfield—the only members of the Wilson administration who differed with Woodrow Wilson and cared more for their opinions than they did for their jobs.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

Editor Miner:

Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries, to be held May 18, 1920.

A. M. GAFFNEY.

Kane, Pa., December 12, 1919.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

The MINER is authorized to announce the candidacy of Harry B. Scott, Philipsburg, Centre County as delegate to the Republican National Convention, subject to the rules of the Republican primaries to be held on May 18, 1920.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

Editor McKean County Miner:

Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago, June 8, 1920, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries May 18, 1920.

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Smethport, Pa., Jan. 1, 1920.

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Resolved, That individuals and their work, measured by the brief span of man's allotted years, are but incidental: while the principles of free government which has made possible the evolution of the greatest and most prosperous race on the face of the globe are ever omnipotent. No individual is so successful in the several walks of life that his success is not measured to the degree he has contributed to his country's development. Thus the home of a humble bred carner of today may shelter the cradle of a future ruler of our next generation. For nearly a century and a half the government of the United States has shone as a beacon of the hope to the oppressed peoples of a troubled continent.

Thousands and thousands have come to our shores and found what they sought: Freedom and by application and industry have had their efforts rewarded with success. But there is another class, who have come to our shores, not to escape oppression and to build homes, but a class of professional agitators who left their native countries in the majority of instances to escape imprisonment and who have mistaken liberty for for license to show dissatisfaction and discord.

In view of the fact that the sublime traditions of our great government have been maintained and upheld by the sacrifice of blood and the enduring of untold hardships by our fathers and that it has lately been our own privilege to contribute our meager share in repelling another attack on our government institutions, we, the members of the American Legion many of its men, or descendants of men, who have created new homes in the land of the free, resent the activities of the professional agitator who impeded the work of winning the war and is now retarding the gigantic task of reconstruction. We again voice our confidence in the leadership of our great commander-in-chief, the President of the United States and the government he represents, and once more consecrate our moral and if necessary, physical support to assist constituted authority in stamping out the menace which lurks within.

Therefore be it resolved, That the services of the personnel of Bucktail Post No. 138, American Legion, be placed at the disposal of the proper authorities, in any manner needed to assist to the limit of our ability in combatting the spread of Bolshevism, Communism and kindred forms of anarchy, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of Bucktail Post and that a copy be delivered to the Burgess of Smethport Borough.

Bucktail Post No. 138, American Legion, Smethport, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1920.

E. G. POTTER,
RUSSELL R. LINDSLEY,
Committee

CHARTER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by W. W. Parmeter, H. O. Wallen, John Wright J. H. McNulty and others, to the Governor of Pennsylvania, on the 9th day of February, 1920, at 10 a.m., under the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled: "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter for an intended corporation, to be called The Wright Oil Company, the character and object of which is the drilling and operating for oil and gas, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges, by said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto conferred.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Mrs. F. M. Spangle attended the funeral of Elma Carpenter in Corry ville Friday.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brenneman of Kane Thursday, January 1, 1920, a son.

—Editor Chas. F. Boller of the Port Allegany Reporter-Argus was a pleasant caller at this office Friday afternoon.

—Through an annoying error last week the name of Frank E. Burdick was omitted from the list of County auditors, who commenced their duties for the year Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Redfield and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Green entertained a party of ladies and gentlemen last week Wednesday evening at a dancing party in Holder's Hall.

—Mrs. Henry Heilman accompanied her daughter, Miss Adelia Heilman to her home in Belle Vernon, Wednesday, and will make an extended visit in that place.

—Miss Martha Colegrove, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Colegrove, left Monday for Pittsburgh where she is a student of Margaret Morrison school.

—The welcome report is received that Miss Grace Olmsted is recovering satisfactorily from the effects of a severe attack of appendicitis, followed by an operation. This young lady's many friends had some anxious days on account of her critical condition and are thankful that the danger period has passed.

—Paul Daly, who has been a patient in the Bradford hospital for a month, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis, was brought home last week Wednesday and is getting along in fine shape. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. W. C. Daly, who had been with him all the time during his stay in the hospital.

Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Gresson Mrs. Iddings and Mrs. Spangle went with several children to the County Home on New Year's day, where the children partially carried out their Christmas program for the benefit of those who are unable to attend those exercises in the churches. Upon returning the children were treated to cocoa, sandwiches and ice cream. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. certainly appreciate these little services which the children render from time to time, and wish to thank the mothers for their interest in the matter.

—Mrs. C. M. Colegrove was a visitor in Ridgway this week.

—P. A. Burns of Olean spent the week end with friends in this place.

—Joseph O'Brien of Wellsville, who has been visiting relatives here returned to his home Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Backus of Olean, N. Y., have been guests of Mrs Mary A. Backus this week.

—Mrs. E. T. Daly went to Kane last Friday for a visit with her daughter Mrs. Walter Brenneman and family.

—A 1 o'clock luncheon was enjoyed by the members of St. Christopher Guild at the Parish house last Friday.

—Mrs. Bertha Whittenhall Simons of Bolivar, former well known Smethport girl, underwent a serious operation at the Olean hospital Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herzog and daughter, Phyllis, who have been visiting relatives in Smethport, returned to their home in New Haven, Conn., Monday.

—Ghordi, Pickersgill, who had been spending a month with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pickersgill, has returned to Grove City, where he has employment.

—Miss Vera Jones, a teacher at Betula, who had been spending the holiday vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones, returned to her school duties Monday.

—Mrs. Laura Van Dusen entertained the members of the junior St Andrews society at her home on King street last week, Wednesday evening in honor of her sons, George and Cal Van Dusen.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alford G. Bush returned Saturday evening from a short wedding trip and are now pleasantly settled in the Sasse house on the corner of Mechanic street and Rose Hill avenue.

Miss Carrie Natello, who has been the efficient deputy treasurer of McKean county for a number of years, will soon accept a position with the Smethport Garage Co. Miss Natello is an expert bookkeeper and accountant who has won many friends throughout the county during her stay in the county treasurer's office.

St. Mary's Catholic Church and parsonage at Shinglehouse burned Thursday. The members of the congregation were at mass, when smoke came up from the basement and filled the edifice. They left the church in orderly fashion. No one was injured. The fire spread rapidly and soon the church was beyond saving. The rectory caught fire, and it, too, was destroyed. The church was a frame structure, built 40 years ago, and the rectory a brick dwelling, erected 17 years ago. The loss, $40,000, was partly covered by insurance. Father McKigney was pastor of the church. A defective furnace caused the fire.

—Mrs. Lena Otto Hayes of Olean N. Y., was a Smethport business visitor Tuesday and a pleasant caller at this office.

—C. C. Choate, who recently purchased the Star Motion Picture Theater of W. J. Kerr, will take possession of the same on January 15.

—Lyle Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs E. E. Drake of West Main street, has so far recovered from his recent illness with appendicitis as to be able to be out again.

—William Fuller, who has been in Buffalo since October 14, has returned to his home here. While in Buffalo he was in the hospital and underwent a sever operation for an affliction of the mouth, but says that he is as well as ever again.

—Forrest Nourse has returned home from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he has been residing for the past year. Mrs. Nourse, who will join him in the near future, is visiting her grandfather, Dr. Sawtelle at San Bernardino, Calif. She was called there by the death of her grandmother.

—Season tickets are now on sale for the entertainment course, which commences January 29, with the world-famed lecturer, Peter McQueen. The tickets are only $1.00 each and the success of this year's course will indicate what can be done next year in securing a higher-priced course. Every number on this year's course however, is a standard attraction, and worth double the money charged. It is hoped the demand for season tickets will be lively.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wright Smith will leave sometime this month for El Cajon, Calif., where Mr. Smith has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the large garage, owned by E. Rex Gorton, formerly of Smethport. It is understood that Mrs. Lucy C. Gorton, at present visiting her son in El Cajon, will also eventually make her home there. Smethport regrets to lose these estimable residents, but extends best wishes to them, for health and prosperity in their new home.

The Coudersport Hospital is ready January 1st to receive patients. Two nurses, graduates of the Bradford hospital, have been engaged, who, with Miss Tighe will be able to care for patients as skillfully as may be done in a city hospital. A liberal patronage of this home institution is expected now that it belongs to the people. The directors met at the hospital Tuesday afternoon and decided on a number of minor alterations, improvements and additions to the equipment, that will add to the efficiency of the staff and to the comfort of patients. The graduate nurses employed are Miss Anna Buchanan and Miss Daly.—Coudersport Journal.

—Rev. W. E. VanDyke is the possessor of an illustrated history of the 27th Division, to which he was attached as divisional accountant of the Y. M. C. A. This division saw some severe service along the Hindenburg line of which the illustrations give a faint idea of the magnitude of the task of the American troops when they broke that famous defense. The ruined villages of Belgium where the 27th was quartered for a time are shown with considerable detail. The cemetery at Pony, Aisne, France where rest the remains of James Rexford Scowden of Farmers Valley, killed in action, is shown in various views. Rev. W. E. VanDyke's picture appears with the divisional staff of the Y. M. C. A.

—Lawrence Scanlon of Colegrove was a Smethport visitor Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gallup of Colegrove were pleasant callers at this office Tuesday.

—The Country Cousins were entertained by Mr. L. D. Gifford at her home on Mill street yesterday.

—Miss Olive Thomas spent the week end in Port Allegany the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Hopper.

—Claire Thomas and Jack Burnett of Niagara Falls are spending a week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Comes, sons John and Carlton, returned Tuesday evening from a week's visit with relatives in Baltimore, Md.

—P. H. C. will hold a card party on January 13, also a dance on January 27. Members may invite one guest to each of these social events.

—Chas. Prescott, who met with an accident last week by which he sustained a fractured leg, is recovering nicely.

—There will be a meeting of the Smethport band at the hose house Sunday at 2:30 p.m. All members should be present.

—Married at the M. E. parsonage Wednesday, December 31, 1919, by the Rev. Arthur Gregson, Joyce McGee and Mrs. Daisy Baker, both of Betula.

—Myer Rice leaves today for Tonawanda, N. Y., where he will visit his daughter for a short time and then go on to California where he will remain until spring.

—M. M. Gillett and H. H. Redfield left Monday for New York city, from there Mr. Gillett will go to California and Arizona expecting to return to Smethport the fore part of February.

—Paul Daly, son of W. C. Daly of Mechanic street, has entirely recovered from the effects of a severe attack of appendicitis, followed by an operation and will soon be able to attend school again.

—The Annandale Mining Co., F. L. Holmes, president, has leased the building on Main street, formerly occupied by the late Sheridan Gordon, as a law office, and will soon conduct the company's business from that location.

Albert Anderson of the firm of Anderson & Carlson, while operating a shoe button stapling machine last Thursday caught his left hand in the contrivance and quite badly crushed three fingers. The wounds are now healing satisfactorily.

—Attention is called to the large advertisement of Masser Bros. Co. this week. This January Sale is a selling event of great importance to careful buyers, and the prices quoted will be found to be unusually attractive in these days when H. C. L. is an ever present factor.

TRUANT MTRRIED LADIES

In Detroit last week truant officers made a raid and gathered in 17 married pupils who had laid aside school books for wedding rings and married men in mosa instances more than twice their ages. Not one of the girls had completed seventh grade work and all came under the truancy laws. The marriages so far as could be learned were made with parental consent, and most of these married ladies were very indignant that their home life should be invaded by such relics of childhood, as truant officers.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Policy Holders of the McKean Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Pennsylvania, will be held at the Grange National Bank Building, Smethport, Pa. on, Thursday, January 15th, 1920, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1920.

H. D. OTTO, Sec'y.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

AUDITORS REPORT OF KEATING TOWNSHIP ROAD FUNDS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1st, 1919.

Audited at Hamlin Bank, December 1st to 9th, 1919, Smethport, Penn'a.

Receipts.

E. E. Curtis, Secretary & Treasurer, Dr.

To Am't. rec'd from Balance of 1918 Auditors report (Cash in Bank.)	$ 339.95	
To Am't. rec'd from Coll. Rice on 1917--18 & 19 Tax Duplicates.	5,575.97	
To Am't. rec'd from County Treasurer Potter.	1,265.58	
To Am't. rec'd from Loans from Hamlin Bank.	6,575.00	
To Am't. rec'd from Sale of Bulldings.	75.00	
To Am't. rec'd from Sale of Road Roller	2,400.00	
To Am't. rec'd from Smethport Water Company.	125.40	
To Am't. rec'd from Sale of Bonds.	11,000.00	
To Am't. rec'd from Austin Weston Co., Return Charges.	9.00	
To Am't. rec'd from State Treasury Department.	1,531.51	
	$12,115.81	32,115.81

Credits.

By paid team work C. H. Curtis	1,421.10	
By paid team work N. U. Hyde	1,093.05	
By paid team work F. W. Mostart	155.50	
By paid team work J. H. Crawford	201.65	
	$ 2,911.30	2,911.30
By paid labor C. H. Curtis.	2,060.25	
By paid labor N. U. Hyde	788.35	
By paid labor F. W. Mostart.	20.50	
By paid labor J. H. Crawford	1,672.10	
	$ 4,547.20	4,547.20
By paid road masters C. H. Curtis	606.00	
By paid road masters N. U. Hyde	568.00	
By paid road masters F. W. Mostart	33.00	
By paid road masters J. H. Crawford	673.00	
	$1,872.00	1,872.00
By paid traction engine operator, C. H. Curtis	675.00	
By paid traction engine operator, N. U. Hyde	397.50	
	$ 1,072.50	1,072.50
		10,403.00
By paid for Printing and Auditing	160.48	
By paid for Collectors Fees	177.40	
By paid for new road machines	5,801.02	
By paid for Secretaries & Treasurer's salaries	235.60	
By paid for freight and drayage	147.72	
By paid for water troughs	24.00	
By paid for coal and Fuel	207.66	
By paid for rent of land for building to house road necks.	10.00	
By paid for Compensation Insurance	89.00	
By paid for Bridges and Sluices	1,702.26	
By paid for Blacksmithing	145.51	
By paid for Supervisors attending conventions	4.72	
By paid for debt and interest	2,027.74	
By paid for stationery, telephone & office supplies	16.21	
By paid for lumber	179.83	
By paid for hardware	492.97	
By paid for conveyance & auto hire	117.58	
By paid for loans from Hamlin Bank	7,075.00	
By paid for Gasoline & Oil	172.14	
By paid for State Road Construction	1,666.16	
By paid for Attorney Fees	155.50	
	$21,451.96	21,451.96
		$31,851.96
To Balance Amount in Hamlin Bank Dec. 1st, 1919.		263.85
		$32,115.81

E. E. Rice Collector of Accounts with Keating Township.

Dr.

To amount due from Coll. Rice on 1917 tax Duplicate, with 5 % added for taxes after Oct. 1st 1917	59.81	59.81
To amount due on 1917 tax duplicate, with 5 % added	59.81	59.81
Henry J. Rice, Collector in account with Keating Township.		
Dr.		
To amount due on 1918 tax duplicate, with 5 % added after October 1st, 1919	745.72	745.72
Cr.		
By amount paid on 1918 taxes, with 5 % added	672.81	
By amount of 1918 tax exonerations	24.93	
By amount due from Collector Rice on 1918 tax duplicate to Balance	47.98	
	$745.72	$745.72
Dr.		
To amount of 1919 tax duplicate	5,961.04	
To amount of 1918 5 % penalty added to taxes after Oct. 1st	41.82	
To amount of 1917 taxes reexonerated, & to be collected.	12.60	
	$6,015.46	$6,015.46
Cr.		
By amount paid on 1919 tax duplicate, 5 % disc. allowed.	5,219.44	
By amount of 5 % discount allowed tax payers to June 1st.	222.06	
By amount paid on 1919 taxes collected by per.	628.57	
By amount paid on 1918 taxes with 5 % penalty added to taxes after October 1st, 1919.	97.50	
By amount of 1919 tax exonerations	61.59	
By amount of 1917 tax exonerations collected, with 5 % added	12.60	
	5,221.76	
By amount due from Coll. Rice on 1919 tax duplicate to bal.	793.70	
	$ 6,015.46	6,015.46

Liabilities of Keating Township.

Out Standing Bonds	14,000.00
Out Standing Orders	131.20
Loans from Hamlin Bank.	1,550.00
Out Standing Bills.	1,209.48
Amount of notes, payable as per contract of road roller.	1000.00
	$18,890.68 $18,890.68

Resources

Amount due from Collector Rice on 1919 taxes, including 5 % added to taxes after October 1st, 1919.	97.98
Amount due from Collector Rice on 1918 taxes, including 5 % added	793.70
Amount of cash in Hamlin Bank.	260.259
Amount due from County Treas. Potter on 1919 returned tax duplicate	1,483.97
	2,636.16
Liabilities in excess of resources to balance.	16,254.46
	$18,890.62 $18,890.62

Keating Township Road Supervisors have on hand three Traction Engines valued at $4000.00 and road drags valued at $1000.00 If sold the cash would be considered a Resource.

We the auditors of Keating township having examined the accounts of Treasurer E. E. Curtis and Collector, H. J. Rice do find them as above stated.

And herewith attach our hand and seal.

CHAS. T. FREDERICK
URBEN FAY,
S. D. CRAWFORD,
Auditors.

At Hamlin Bank, Dec. 9th, 1919.

NEW HATS

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WE CLOSE MONDAYS at 6:15 P.M.

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HIGHWAY NEWS

(Continued from page 1.)

the time being at Bloomsburg.

District No. 4, composed of Venango, Mercer, Lawrence and Butler counties—C. H. Buckius, with head quarters for the time being at Franklin.

District No. 5, composed of Northampton, Lehigh, Berks and Bucks counties C. E. H. Smith, with head quarters at Allentown.

District No. 6, composed of York, Adams and Franklin counties—George W. Crawford, with headquarters for the time being at York.

District No. 7, composed of Delaware, Montgomery and Chester counties Major C. E. Myers, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

District No. 8, composed of Jefferson, Indiana, Clarion and Armstrong counties Paul Brubaker, temporarily in charge, with headquarters for the time being at Dubois.

District No. 9, composed of Cumberland, Perry, Juniata and Mifflin counties Captain George P. Seawright, with headquarters at Harrisburg.

District No. 10, composed of Bradford, Tioga and Lycoming counties—Captain J. S. Ritchey, with headquarters at Wellsboro.

District No. 11, composed of Cambria, Blair and Huntingdon counties—Charles S. Lemon, with headquarters at Hollidaysburg.

District No. 12, composed of Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, Pike and Monroe counties—S. P. Long street, with headquarters at Scranton.

District No. 13, composed of Beaver, Allegheny and Westmoreland counties—W. D. Meyers, with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

District No. 14, composed of Washington, Greene and Fayette counties—Charles Fitzsimmons, with headquarters at Washington.

District No. 15, composed of Warren, Forest, Erie and Crawford counties—Captain F. E. Winter, with headquarters for the time being at Warren.

District No. 16, composed of McKean, Potter, Elk and Cameron counties—M. A. Lynch, with headquarters at Smethport.

District No. 17, composed of Wyoming, Carbon, Schuylkill and Luzerne counties—H. R. Moffitt, with headquarters at Wilkes-Barre.

District No. 18, composed of Somerset, Bedford and Fulton counties—A. K. Vanlingen, with headquarters at Bedford.

Messrs. Stackpole, Ersman, C. E. Myers, Searight, Ritchey, W. D. Meyers, Winter and Moffitt have been for some time district engineers for the State Highway Department.

H. G. Harper has been resident engineer in District No. 15. C. H. Buckius has been assistant engineer in District No. 1. C. M. R. Smith has been assistant district engineer in District No. 5. George W. Crawford has been assistant engineer in District No. 6. Paul Brubaker has been assistant district engineer in District No. 8. Charles S. Lemon has been an engineer in the township division. S. P. Longstreet has been assistant engineer in District No. 12. Charles Fitzsimmons has been assistant engineer in District No. 13. M. A. Lynch has been an inspector in District No. 3. A. K. Vanlingen has been resident engineer in District No. 11.

The title of all the new men placed in charge of districts is "Acting District Engineer."

SALES OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AND CERTIFICATES IN SMETHPORT AND KEATING TOWNSHIP.

The following is the sale of Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Certificates sold through the post office and banks during 1919:

Month	T. S.	W. S. S.
January	255	81
February	218	178
March	251	34
April	116	23
May	140	106
June	89	40
July	59	231
August	85	21
September	121	62
October	227	39
November	381	84
December	478	102
Total	2,400	991

$100 CERTIFICATES

August	19
September	17
October	16
November	32
December	22
Total	106

$1,000 CERTIFICATES

Grange National Bank	5
Hamlin Bank	1

KEATING TOWNSHIP POST OFFICES

	T.S.	W.S.S
Backus	50	
Coryville	285	71
E. Smethport	355	19
Gifford	10	40
Ormsby	142	77
Rew	682	52
Total	1,524	258

Aiken and Cyclone have not made their December report, reason for not appearing in above.

SALE OF STAMPS IN KEATING TOWSHIP SCHOOLS

H. Smethport	$56.20
Aiken	5.80
Ormsby	16.52
Simpson	19.42
Burbank	37.54
Bush Hill	17.32
Coleville	18.38
Lower Cole Creek	8.60
Farmers Valley	24.45
Frisbee	31.97
Backus	13.02
Total	$360.99

Backus School is a 100 per cent school.

The above does not include the December report of Aiken and Bush Hill schools. Due to lack of supplies Smethport schools were unable to start sales during 1919, but watch their report for January.

The Grange National Bank started off the new year with the sale of a $1,000 certificate.

THE FINAL ACT

The two commissioners who failed of re-election, Messrs. Schadenberger and Bartoo, passed a resolution on the last day of their expiring term, December 31, to pay to themselves the increase of salary allowed under the Act of Assembly passed in 1917, which amounted in this instance to the tidy little sum of $2,500 for each of the gentlemen. Then they took their orders into the County Treasurer's office, and Miss Hopkins, having no knowledge of what the orders represented, drew a check payable to the above sum. But as luckily for the taxpyars, the banks of Coudersport were closed on New Year's day, and the gentlemen were compelled to await until Friday before presenting the checks. Treasurer Bernard, at his home in Galeton, was just sitting down to a family dinner. The table was all set with turkey cranberry sauce, and the "fixings." Leaving the steaming dinner, he hastened to Condersport and got the lay of the land. He immediately telephoned the banks not to pay the checks, and for a while, has saved the county $5,000. Now it is up to Schadenberger and Bartoo to sue the county of Potter. The Constitution of Pennsylvania as well as that of the United States explicitly provides that any law increasing the salary of county, state or national office holders shall not apply to those in office at the time the law is passed.—Potter Independent.

The MINER at $2.00 per year keeps you informed of all home and county news.

PERCE BROOK

Miss Esther Cory returned to Smethport to attend high school on Monday, after spending the vacation at the home of her parents.

Robert and Joe Oliver were Smethport visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. George Brougham spent New Year's eve with Mrs. Jane Dickerson

Orlo Cory, who is working at Kane spent Christmas with his family of this place, returning to Kane on Saturday.

Joe and Kelln Oliver, Edith Cory, Lois Straiton, Ted Dickerson, Eileen Brougham, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Cleveland and Marie Tanner attended the box social at Coryville on New Year's eve.

Mrs. Claude Patterson, who has been in the Olean hospital for the past five weeks, is now at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Rees of Coryville. She expects to come home in a few days.

Miss Esther Cory visited Rush Hill school on Thursday and Moore school on Friday.

Miss Edith Cory, who teaches the Moore school is boarding at F. E. Brockhams.

Johnny Highland is not improving as fast as his friends wish.

Some of our people have been using sleighs, while others are still using buggies.

CROSBY

Mr. Chalres Sturdevant is a guest of Mrs. Parson, Mrs. Parson being quite ill at this writing. Her daughters, Mrs. Ellie Powell, Mrs. Rachel Langdon and daughter Hazel Bell of Cleveland, and Mrs. Lillie Gross of Brockwayville are with her.

Miss Hyatt returned Saturday from her home after spending the holidays there.

Miss Cushing returned Monday and school opened again on Monday morning.

Miss Sigred Schlander and John Nelson visited at Mr. and Mrs. James Bloomer, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilcox and nephew, John Hill, visited in Roulette last week.

Mr. William Edmunds returned to Lima, N. Y., last Monday morning.

Miss Mary Gallup returned to Chambersburg last Monday.

Miss Velma Wilcox spent the week end in Smethport, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Metzgar.

John Wallace spent New Years in Bradford guest of his cousin, Mrs Charles Day.

Watch night services were held in the M. E. Church New Year's eve.

CLERMONT

Mr. and Mrs. John Keating of Confer, Pa., returned to their home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keating.

The Messrs. Grant Searfass, Felix Alot and Lewis Riggs were Smethport callers Tuesday.

Joseph Smith spent New Year's in Bradford.

Matilda Anderson and her friends were Smethport shoppers Saturday.

Miss Mary Keating attended the K. of C. ball in Olean on Monday, returned home and reported a wonderful time.

Adra Searfoss was a Smethport caller Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Perry returned to Halsey after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. O. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson returned on Friday after spending several days with relatives in Duquesne.

Maude Selfes returned home Friday after spending the holidays with her aunt at Limestone, N. Y.

Dr. Barrett, wife and daughter spent Christmas at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. F. Keating.

Edward Ryan of Olean was visiting friends in town.

Simon Anderson was a Smethport caller Wednesday.

The dance given by the S. R. A. Club Wednesday evening was enjoyed by all (do it again boys.)

Felix Alot, who is attending college at Buffalo, N. Y., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alot returned on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson were Betula callers Monday.

Albert Lefquist returned to Olean after visiting parents here.

Tony Riggs returned to Syracuse N. Y., after spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagman of Erie Pa., have moved to Clermont, where he is employed by the C. S. P. Co.

Johnny Mayer, while out coasting last Sunday night had the misfortune to run into a fence and was badly injured. Dr. Eaman of Mt. Jewett was called and suggested that the patient be rushed to the Kane hospital where he was operated on and is getting along fine.

It is rumored in Clermont that wedding bells will soon ring out the wonder—who is it going to be?

Mrs. Vernon Swanson returned to Marvindale after spending the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs Spadafore.

R. E. Shont of St. Mary's was the guest of Miss Ada Searfoss Monday

Misses Lillian and Elsie Larson of Hutchins, Pa., is visiting their sister Mrs. Oscar Sillies.

Daisy Alot was in Olean Saturday

Miss Mary Smith and her friend from St. Mary's spent New Years day with Miss Elizabeth Decker.

J. J. Allison was in Smethport on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose returned home Wednesday, after spending several days in Akron, Ohio.

Winifred Smith and Ada Searfoss motored to Betula on Saturday.

Anthony Spadafore visited friends in Crosby Thursday.

Sarah Spadafore visited friends in Johnsonburg, Pa., Tuesday.

The Tell Me Club was entertained at the home of Miss Ada Searfoss on Monday, at, reported a most delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. R. Baxter of Coudersport is visiting Mrs. Dan McConeghy.

Miss Ada Searfoss returned home Saturday after spending a few days with Miss Hattie Smith of Crosby.

HOW DIAMOND CUTTERS WORK

Three Distinct Processes Before the Rough Stone Is Considered Fit for Personal Adornment.

Few people who wear diamonds know the story that lies behind them. To most of them the diamond is an agreeable means of personal decoration—something that attracts the eye in a jeweler's window and is purchased an hour or so later in its comfortable setting of platinum or gold.

But let us see what lies beyond. Let us glimpse the long road that stretches between the miner and the wearer. There are three processes in the conversion of the rough stone into dashing brilliance. The first one consists in cleaning the coarse stone of defective parts and splitting off the flaws. The second is the cutting, which gives the stone its form and, in a rough way, determines the number of faces it shall have. Finally, there is the polishing, which gives to these faces their clearness and brilliancy.

The sawyer, when he finds a flaw, inserts the diamond into a sort of a cup filled with a fusible cement. Then, by means of an instrument furnished with a recently cut diamond, the edge of which projects sharply, he rubs on one of the stones the pointed end of the other, after which he strikes lightly in order to separate the two pieces.

The cutter uses somewhat similar instruments to the sawyer. He forms only about one-half of the faces, leaving it to the polisher to form the remainder.

The diamond is then polished on an iron plate rotating rapidly and impregnated with diamond dust and oil. It is set in an alloy of lead and tin in the form of a cone, of which the stone occupies the summit. The operation, as described in the Modern Hospital, takes a long time and requires the exercise of extreme patience, but the result is certainly in every sense of the word a "brilliant" one.

CHANGED IDEAS OF BEAUTY

Women No Longer Go to Extremes Which Were Thought Necessary Some Centuries Ago.

What women will not do to be thought beautiful is astounding even now, but listen to these facts and you'll agree that in 19 centuries femininity has gained something of common sense.

In Japan women used to gild their teeth, while in the Indies they painted them red. Itinerant women blackened them.

In Greenland they colored their faces blue and yellow.

The Peruvians did all sorts of stunts to flatten their heads, and everybody knows how the Chinese women bound up their feet to stop the growth.

The fashion of patches came from Arabia, probably beginning with the astrological signs, but drifting into conceits like small ships cut from the black courtplaster worn at the courts of the Louis.

In Louis XV's time the women even went so far as to paste on moles in eyebrows—and now the girls are pulling them out to such mere suggestions you might think eyebrows were vulgar or common!

Here's a Waiter's Problem.

A recent barbers' strike in England raises once again the matter of tips. How and to what extent we shall tip is one of the minor problems of life and one that certain eccentrics have solved in unconventional fashion, observes the Manchester Guardian. A waiter in one of the New York "swell" restaurants told of a man who on sitting down to dinner tore a $5 bill in half and gave him one-half, telling him that he should have the other if he gave him satisfaction. "I took pains to serve him properly," said the waiter afterward, "to show him that I did not care for his money. I was so careless that when he was leaving he refused me the other half. I pointed out to him that the piece he had was no good to him as it was and offered to buy it from him for $2. He thought deeply a minute and declined. Then I offered to sell him my half for $3; somehow or other this appealed to him and he bought it and seemed happy. I'll bet he hasn't stopped figuring out yet whether he won or lost. One thing he's sure of—he didn't tip the waiter."

Japanese Handmade Paper.

Handmade paper is produced in Japan principally by farmers as a secondary occupation which they can pursue in seasons when there is nothing to be done in the fields. There are no fewer than 60,000 families engaged in this industry.

TARZAN AND THE Jewels of Opar

By EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

Author of "Tarzan of the Apes" "Son of Tarzan"

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Presently the body scent of the deer told Tarzan that his prey was close at hand. It sent him into the trees again—into the lower terrace where he could watch the ground below and catch with ears and nose the first intimation of actual contact with his quarry. Nor was it long before the ape-man came upon Bara standing alert at the edge of a moon-bathed clearing. Noiselessly Tarzan crept through the trees until he was directly over the deer. In the ape-man's hand was the long hunting knife of his father and in his heart the blood lust of the carnivore. Just for an instant he poised above the unsuspecting Bara and then he launched himself downward upon the sleek back. The impact of his weight carried the deer to its knees and before the animal could regain its feet the knife had found its heart. As Tarzan rose upon the body of his kill to scream forth his hideous victory cry into the face of the moon the wind carried to his nostrils something which froze him to statuesque immobility and silence. His savage eyes blazed into the direction from which the wind had borne down the warning to him and a moment later

Numa, the Lion, Strode Majestically Into View.

the grasses at one side of the clearing parted and Numa, the Non, strode majestically into view.

From the lips of the ape-man broke a rumbling growl of warning. Numa answered but he did not advance. Instead he stood waving his tail gently to and fro, and presently Tarzan squatted upon his kill and cut a generous portion from a hind quarter. Numa eyed him with growing resentment and rage at, between mouthfuls, the ape-man growled out his savage warnings. Now this particular lion had never before come in contact with Tarzan of the Apes and he was much mystified. Here was the appearance and the scent of a man-thing and Numa had tasted human flesh and learned that though not the most palatable it was certainly by far the easiest to secure, yet there was that in the bestial growls of the strange creature which reminded him of formidable antagonists and gave him pause, while his hunger and the odor of the hot flesh of Bara goaded him almost to madness. At last Numa could stand it no longer. His tail shot suddenly erect and at the same instant the wary ape-man, knowing all too well what the signal portended, grasped the remainder of the deer's hind quarter between his teeth and leaped into a nearby tree as Numa charged him with all the speed and a sufficient semblance of the weight of an express train.

Tarzan's retreat was no indication that he felt fear. Jungle life is ordered along different lines than ours and different standards prevail. Had Tarzan been famished he would, doubtless, have stood his ground and met the lion's charge. He had done the thing before upon more than one occasion. Just as in the past he had charged lions himself; but tonight he was far from famished and in the hind quarter he had carried off with him was more raw flesh than he could eat; yet it was with no equanimity that he looked down upon Numa rending the flesh of Tarzan's kill. The presump

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...Pa. The strange Numa must be ... And forthwith Tarzan set to make life miserable for the big ... Close by were many trees heavy ... large, hard fruits and to one of ... the ape-man swung with the ... agility of a squirrel. Then commenced a bombardment which brought forth earth shaking roars from Numa. It was impossible for the tawny cat to eat under that hail of missiles—he could but roar and growl and dodge and eventually he was driven away entirely from the carcass of Bara, the deer. He went roaring and resentful; but in the very center of the clearing his voice was suddenly hushed and Tarzan saw the great head lower and flatten out, the body crouch and the long tail quiver, as the beast slunk cautiously toward the trees upon the opposite side.

Immediately Tarzan was alert. He lifted his head and sniffed the slow, jungle breeze. What was it that had attracted Numa's attention and taken him soft-footed and silent away from the scene of his discomfiture? Just as the lion disappeared among the trees beyond the clearing Tarzan caught upon the down-coming wind the explanation of his new interest—the scent spoor of man was wafted strongly to the sensitive nostrils. Caching the remainder of the deer's hind quarter in the crotch of a tree the ape-man moved through the trees, the shadow of a wraith. The savage cat and the savage man saw Numa's quarry almost simultaneously, though both had known before it came within the vision of their eyes that it was a black man. Their sensitive nostrils had told them this much and Tarzan's had told him that the scent spoor was that of a stranger—old and a male, for race and sex and age each has its own distinctive scent. It was an old man that made his way alone through the gloomy jungle, a wrinkled, dried up little old man, hideously scarred and tattooed and strangely garbed, with the skin of a hyena about his shoulders and the dried head mounted upon his gray pate. Tarzan recognized the earmarks of the witch-doctor and awaited Numa's charge with a feeling of pleasurable anticipation, for the ape-man had no love for witch-doctors; but in the instant that Numa did charge, the white man suddenly recalled that the lion had stolen his kill a few minutes before and that revenge is sweet.

The first indication the black man had that he was in danger was the crash of twigs as Numa charged through the bushes into the glade not twenty yards behind him. Then he turned to see a huge, black maned lion roaring toward him and, even as he turned, Numa seized him. At the same instant the ape-man dropped from an overhanging limb full upon the lion's back and as he alighted he plunged his knife into the tawny side behind the left shoulder, fungled the fingers of his right hand in the long mane, buried his teeth in Numa's neck and wound his powerful legs about the beast's torso. With a roar of pain and rage, Numa reared up and fell backward upon the ape-man; but still the mighty man-thing clung to his hold and repeatedly the long knife plunged deeply into his side. Over and over rolled Numa, the lion, clawing and biting at the air, roaring and growling horribly in savage attempt to reach the thing upon its back. More than once was Tarzan almost brushed from his hold. He was battered and bruised and covered with blood from Numa and dirt from the trail, yet not for an instant did he lessen the ferocity of his mad attack nor his grim hold upon the back of his antagonist. Where he had fallen beneath the spring of the lion the witch-doctor lay, torn and bleeding, unable to drag himself away and watched the terrific battle between these two lords of the jungle. His sunken eyes glittered and his wrinkled lips moved over toothless gums as he mumbled weird incantations to the demons of his cult.

For a time he felt no doubt as to the outcome—the strange white man must certainly succumb to terrible Numa—whoever heard of a lone man armed only with a knife slaying so mighty a beast! Yet presently the old black man's eyes went wider and he commenced to have his doubts and misgivings. What wonderful sort of

What Wonderful Sort of Creature Was This?

creature was this that battled with Numa and held its own despite the mighty muscles of the king of beasts? Then slowly there dawned in those sunken eyes, gleaming so brightly from the scarred and wrinkled face, the light of a dawning recollection. It was the picture of a lithe, white-skinned youth swinging through the trees in company with a band of huge apes, and the old eyes blinked and a great fear came into them—the superstitious fear of one who believes in ghosts and spirits and demons.

And now the time once more when the witch-doctor no longer doubted the outcome of the duel, yet his first judgment was reversed, for now he knew that the jungle god would slay Numa and the old black was even more terrified of his own impending fate at the hands of the victor than he had been by the sure and sudden death which the triumphant lion would have meted out to him. He saw the lion weaken from loss of blood. He saw the mighty limbs tremble and stagger and at last he saw the beast sink down to rise no more. He saw the forest god or demon rise from the vanquished foe and, placing a foot upon the still quivering carcass, raise his face to the moon and bay out a hideous cry that froze the sluggish blood in the veins of the witch-doctor.

CHAPTER III.

Prophecy and Fulfillment.

Then Tarzan turned his attention to the man. He had not slain Numa to save the negro—he had merely done it in revenge upon the lion; but now that he saw the old man lying helpless and dying before him something akin to pity touched his savage heart. He stooped and felt of the witch-doctor's wounds and stanched the flow of blood.

"Who are you?" asked the old man in a trembling voice.

"I am Tarzan—Tarzan of the Apes," replied the ape-man and not without a greater touch of pride than he would have said, "I am John Clayton, Lord Greystoke."

The witch-doctor shook convulsively and closed his eyes. When he opened them again there was in them a resignation to whatever horrible fate awaited him at the hands of this feared demon of the woods. "Why do you not kill me?" he asked.

"Why should I kill you?" inquired Tarzan. "You have not harmed me, and anyway you are already dying, Numa, the lion, has killed you. I would save you if I could, but that cannot be done. Why did you think I would kill you?"

For a moment the old man was silent. When he spoke it was evidently after some little effort to muster his courage. "I knew you of old," he said, "when you ranged the jungle in the country of Mbonga, the chief. I was already a witch-doctor when you slew Kulonga and the others, and when you robbed our huts and our poison pot. At first I did not remember you; but at last I did—the white-skinned ape that lived with the hairy apes and made life miserable in the village of Mbonga, the chief—the forest god—the Munango-Kewatti, for whom we set food outside our gates and who came and ate it. Tell me before I die—are you man or devil?"

Tarzan laughed. "I am a man," he said.

The old fellow sighed and shook his head. "You have tried to save me from Numa," he said. "For that I shall reward you. I am a great witch-doctor. Listen to me, white man! I see bad days ahead of you. It is writ in my own blood which I have smeared upon my palm. A god greater even than you will rise up and strike you down. Turn back, Munango-Kewatti! Turn back before it is too late. Danger lies ahead of you and danger lurks behind; but greater is the danger before. I see—" He paused and drew a long, gasping breath. Then he crumpled into a little, wrinkled heap and died. Tarzan wondered what else he had seen.

It was very late when the ape-man re-entered the boma and lay down among his black warriors. None had seen him go and none saw him return. He thought about the warning of the old witch-doctor before he fell asleep and he thought of it again after he awoke; but he did not turn back, for he was not afraid, though had he known what lay in store for one he loved most in all the world he would have flown through the trees to her side and allowed the gold of Opar to remain forever hidden in its forgotten storehouse.

Behind him that morning another white man pondered something he had heard during the night and very nearly did he give up his project and turn back upon his trail. It was Werper, who in the still of the night had heard far away upon the trail ahead of him a sound that had filled his cowardly soul with terror—a sound such as he never before had heard in all his life, nor dreamed that such a frightful thing could emanate from the lungs of a God-created creature. He had heard the victory cry of the bull ape as Tarzan had screamed it forth into the face of Goro, the moon, and he had trembled then and hidden his face; and now in the broad light of a new day he trembled again as he recalled it, and would have turned back from the nameless danger the echo of that frightful sound seemed to portend, had he not stood in even greater fear of Achmet Zek, his master.

And so Tarzan of the Apes forged steadily ahead toward Opar's ruined ramparts and behind him slunk Werper, jackal-like, and only God knew what lay in store for each.

At the edge of the desolate valley, overlooking the golden domes and minarets of Opar, Tarzan halted. By night he would go alone to the treasure vault, reconnoitering, for he had determined that caution should mark his every move upon this expedition.

With the coming of night he set forth, and Werper, he had sealed the cliffs along behind the ape-man's party, and hidden through the day among the rough boulders of the mountain top, slunk stealthily after him. He saw the giant ape-man swing himself nimbly up the face of the great rock. Werper, clawing fearfully during the perilous ascent, sweating in terror, almost palsied by fear, but spurred on by avarice, followed upward, until at last he stood upon the summit of the rocky hill.

Tarzan was nowhere in sight. For a time Werper hid behind one of the lesser boulders that were scattered over the top of the hill, but, seeing or hearing nothing of the Englishman, he crept from his place of concealment to undertake a systematic search of his surroundings, in the hope that he might discover the location of the treasure in ample time to make his escape before Tarzan returned, for it was the Belgian's desire merely to locate the gold so that, after Tarzan had departed, he might come in safety with his followers and carry away as much as he could transport.

He found the narrow cleft leading downward into the heart of the kopje along well-worn, granite steps. He advanced quite to the dark mouth of the tunnel into which the runway disappeared; but here he halted, fearing to enter, lest he meet Tarzan returning.

The ape-man, far ahead of him, groped his way along the rocky passage, until he came to the ancient wooden door. A moment later he stood within the treasure chamber, where, ages since, long-dead hands had ranged the lofty rows of precious ingots for the rulers of that great continent which now lies submerged beneath the waters of the Atlantic.

There was no evidence that another had discovered the forgotten wealth since last the ape-man had visited its hiding place. Satisfied, Tarzan turned and retraced his steps toward the summit of the kopje. Werper, from the concealment of a jutting granite shoulder, watched him pass up from the shadow of the stairway and advance toward the edge of the hill which faced the rim of the valley where the Waziri awaited the signal of their master. Then Werper, slipping stealthily from his hiding place, dropped into the somber darkness of the entrance and disappeared.

Tarzan, halting upon the kopje's edge, raised his voice in the thunderous roar of a lion. Twice, at regular intervals, he repeated the call, standing in attentive silence for several minutes after the echoes of the third call had died away. And then, from far across the valley, faintly came an answering roar—once, twice, thrice. Basuli, the Waziri chieftain, had heard, and replied.

Tarzan again made his way toward the treasure vault, knowing that in a few hours his blacks would be with him, ready to bear away another fortune in the strangely shaped, golden ingots of Opar. In the meantime he would carry as much of the precious metal to the summit of the kopje as he could.

Six trips he made in the five hours before Basuli reached the kopje, and at the end of that time he had transported 48 ingots to the edge of the great boulder, carrying upon each trip a load which might well have staggered two ordinary men, yet his giant frame showed no evidence of fatigue as he helped to raise his ebon warriors to the hill top with the rope that had been brought for the purpose.

Six times he had returned to the treasure chamber, and six times Werper, the Belgian, had cowered in the black shadows at the far end of the long vault. Once again came the ape-man, and this time there came with him fifty leaping men, turned porters for love of the only creature in the world who might command of their fierce and haughty natures such menial service. Fifty-two more ingots passed out of the vaults, making the total of one hundred which Tarzan intended taking away with him.

As the last of the Waziri filed from the chamber, Tarzan turned back for a last glimpse of the fabulous wealth upon which his two forays had made no appreciable impression. His mind reverted to that first occasion upon which he had entered the treasure vault, coming upon it by chance as he fled from the pits beneath the temple, where he had been hidden by La, the high priestess of the Sun Worshipers.

He recalled the scene within the temple when he had lain stretched upon the sacrificial altar, while La, with high-raised dagger, stood above him, and the rows of priests and priestesses awaited, in the ecstatic hysteria of fanaticism, the first gush of their victim's warm blood, that they might fill their golden goblets and drink to the glory of their Flaming God.

The brutal and bloody interruption by Tha, the mad priest, passed vividly before the ape-man's recollective eye the flight of the votaries before the insane blood lust of the hideous creature, the brutal attack upon La, and his own part in the grim tragedy when he had battled with the infuriated Oparian and left him dead at the feet of the priestess he would have profaned.

This and much more passed through Tarzan's memory as he stood gazing at the long tiers of dull-yellow metal. He wondered if La still ruled in the temples of the ruined city whose crumbling walls rose upon the very foundations about him. Had she finally been forced into a union with one of her grotesque priests? It seemed a hideous fate, indeed, for one so beautiful. With a shake of his head, Tarzan stepped to the farthest candle extinguished its feeble rays and turned toward the exit.

Behind him the ape waited for him to be gone. He had learned the secret for which he had come, and now he could return at his leisure to his waiting followers, bring them to the treasure vault and carry away all the gold that they could stagger under.

The Waziri had reached the outer end of the tunnel, and were winding upward toward the fresh air and the welcome starlight of the kopje's summit, before Tarzan shook off the detaining hand of reverie and started slowly after them.

Once again, and, he thought, for the last time, he closed the massive door of the treasure room. In the darkness behind him Werper rose and stretched his cramped muscles. He stretched forth a hand and lovingly caressed a golden ingot on the nearest tier. He raised it from its immemorial resting place and weighed it in his hands. He clutched it to his bosom in an ecstasy of avarice.

Tarzan dreamed of the happy homecoming which lay before him; of dear arms about his neck, and a soft cheek pressed to his; but there rose to dispel that dream the memory of the old witch-doctor and his warning.

And then, in the span of a few brief seconds, the hopes of both these men were shattered. The one forgot even his greed in the panic of terror—the other was plunged into total forgetfulness of the past by a jagged fragment of rock which gashed a deep cut upon his head.

CHAPTER IV.

The Altar of the Flaming God.

It was at the moment that Tarzan turned from the closed door to pursue his way to the outer world. The thing came without warning. One instant all was quiet and stability—the next, the world rocked, the tortured sides of the narrow passageway split and crumbled, great blocks of granite, dislodged from the ceiling, tumbled into the narrow way, choking it, and the walls bent inward upon the wreckage. Beneath the blow of a fragment of the roof, Tarzan staggered back against the door to the treasure room, his weight pushed it open and his body rolled inward upon the floor.

There was but the single shock, no other followed to complete the damage undertaken by the first. Werner, thrown to his length by the suddenness and violence of the disturbance, staggered to his feet when he found himself unhurt. Groping his way toward the far end of the chamber, he sought the candle which Tarzan had left stuck in its own wax upon the protruding end of an ingot.

By striking numerous matches the Belgian at last found what he sought, and when, a moment later, the sickly rays relieved the Stygian darkness about him, he breathed a nervous sigh of relief, for the impenetrable gloom had accentuated the terrors of his situation.

As they became accustomed to the light the man turned his eyes toward the door—his one thought now was of escape from this frightful tomb—and as he did so he saw the body of the naked giant lying stretched upon the floor just within the doorway. Werper drew back in sudden fear of detection;

A Second Glance Convinced Him That the Englishman Was Dead.

but a second glance convinced him that the Englishman was dead. From a great gash in the man's head a pool of blood had collected upon the concrete floor.

Quickly the Belgian leaped over the prostrate form of his erstwhile host and without a thought of succor for the man in whom, for aught he knew life still remained, he bolted for the passageway and safety.

But his renewed hopes were soon dashed. Just beyond the doorway he found the passage completely clogged and choked by impenetrable masses of shattered rock. Once more he turned and re-entered the treasure vault. Taking the candle from its place he commenced a systematic search of the apartment, nor had he gone far before he discovered another door in the opposite end of the room, a door which gave upon creaking hinges to the weight of his body. Beyond the door lay another narrow passageway. Along this Werper made his way, ascending a flight of stone steps to another corridor twenty feet above the level of the first.

Before him was a circular shaft. He held the candle above it and peered downward. Below him, at a great distance, he saw the light reflected back from the surface of a pool of water. He had come upon a well. He raised the candle above his head and peered across the black void, and there upon the opposite side he saw the continuation of the tunnel; but how was he to span the gulf?

As he stood there measuring the distance to the opposite side and wondering if he dared venture so great a leap, there broke suddenly upon his startled ears a piercing scream which diminished gradually until it ended in a series of dismal moans.

The Belgian shuddered and looked fearfully upward, for the scream had seemed to come from above him. As he looked he saw an opening far overhead, and a patch of sky pinked with brilliant stars.

He listened fearfully, but the cry was not repeated, and at last spurred to desperate means, he gathered himself for the leap across the chasm. Going back twenty paces, he took a running start, and at the edge of the well, leaped upward and outward in an attempt to gain the opposite side.

In his hand he clutched the sputtering candle, and as he took the leap the rush of air extinguished it. In utter darkness he flew through space, clutching outward for a hold should his feet miss the invisible ledge.

He struck the edge of the floor of the opposite terminus of the rocky tunnel with his knees, slipped backward, clutched desperately for a moment, and at last hung half within and half without the opening; but he was safe. Cautiously, he drew himself well within the tunnel, and again he lay at full length upon the floor, fighting to regain control of his shattered nerves.

When his knees struck the edge of the tunnel he had dropped the candle. Presently, hoping against hope that it had fallen upon the floor of the passageway, rather than back into the depths of the well, he rose upon all fours and commenced a diligent search for the little tallow cylinder, which now seemed infinitely more precious to him than all the fabulous wealth of the hoarded ingots of Opar.

And when, at last, he found it, he clasped it to him and sank back sobbing and exhausted. For many minutes he lay trembling and broken; but finally he drew himself to a sitting posture, and with the light he found it easier to regain control of his nerves, and presently he was again making his way along the tunnel in search of an avenue of escape. The horrid cry that had come down to him from above through the ancient well-shaft still haunted him, so that he trembled in terror at even the sounds of his own cautious advance.

A long, dark corridor showed before him; but before he had followed it far, his candle burned down until it scorched his fingers. With an oath he dropped it to the floor, where it sputtered for a moment and went out.

Slowly he groped his way along, feeling with his hands upon the tunnel's walls, and cautiously with his feet ahead of him, upon the floor before he would take a single forward step. How long he crept on thus he could not guess; but at last, feeling that the tunnel's length was interminable, and exhausted by his efforts, by terror, and loss of sleep, he determined to lie down and rest before proceeding farther.

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Smethport Branch, No. 36, meets on every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall. PEARL WHALEN, Pres.
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THE FRY COMPANY THE FRY COMPANY

January Clearance Sale

Wednesday, Jan. 7 to Saturday, Jan. 17

We regret that owing to constantly increasing cost of dependable standard merchandise it is impossible for us in the January Sale to make our usual throughout the store reduction. A 20 per cent. reduction on staple lines of dry goods as is our regular custom would not realize replacement cost and this would make higher prices immediately imperative. We reprint a portion of a letter from The Northwestern Knitting Co., makers of "Munsing" Underwear and dated December 15, 1919—they are one of the really big representative American manufacturers having every facility necessary to arrive at a correct estimate of business conditions and they do not make hasty or ill advised statements. "We are enclosing a new Condensed Current Price List of Medium and Heavy Weight Munsingwear Numbers—the prices effective December 15, 1919, subject to change without notice. We wish to have it known that we appreciate our obligation to the merchants handling Munsingwear and to the buying public. In revising our prices, as we have been forced to do by reason of our higher costs of production, we have taken into consideration your interest and believe that prices of this class merchandise are not disproportionately high when measured in terms of cotton, wool, iron, steel and labor. There exists an extraordinary scarcity of textile merchandise of all kinds the world over. Increased production can only be brought about by a readjustment of labor which must consume time and may unhappily be difficult and slow to effect. No other conclusion seems reasonable than that merchandise of quality must continue scarce for at least two seasons and the difficulty of securing adequate acceptable supplies not likely to become less acute." There is nothing in the present situation to cause uneasiness—it is, however, real economy to anticipate your needs to a reasonable extent at our present prices. In **COATS, SUITS, FURS, SKIRTS** and odd lots and remnants of all sorts the savings are Prenominal—Come. **THESE PRICES ARE FOR CASH ONLY**

COATS

Great January Clearance Sale of Ladies and Children's Coats. Redfern garments; these are new this season, garments, cut and tailored to the latest dictates of fashion.

$18.00 Brown Imitation Leather, size 42, now $15.00
$26.50 Gray Reveire Cloth, size 20 1-2 .... $16.75
$16.50 Plaid Novelty Cloth, size 16 ..... $10.50
$43.50 Blue Silvertone, size 36 ..... $28.75
$29.50 Black Burrella Cloth, size 39 .... $19.50
$42.50 Garnet Wool Velour, size 40 1-2 .. $28.50
$26.50 Brown Velvet, size 42 ..... $16.75
$29.50 Black Burrella, size 43 ..... $19.50
$37.50 Black Plush, size 36 ..... $19.50
$38.50 Black Plush, size 40 ..... $24.50
$26.50 Black Plush, size 42 ..... $16.50
$39.50 Black Plush, size 47 ..... $26.50
$45.00 Black Plush, size 36 ..... $29.50
$45.00 Brown Silvertone, size 42 ..... $28.75

CHILDRENS' COATS

$9.50 Sheviot, size 5 ..... $5.75
$13.50 Blue Velvet, size 7 ..... $8.50
$10.50 Navy Cheviot, size 7 ..... $7.50
$9.50 Brown Beaver Cloth, sizes 5, 9, 11 .. $6.00
$11.50 Black Novelty, size 9 ..... $6.75
$9.00 Novelty Cheviot, size 9 ..... $5.75
$14.50 Novelty Zebeline, size 12 ..... $8.75
$18.00 Blue Plush, size 12 ..... $11.50
$15.50 Tan Polo Cloth, size 12 ..... $9.75
$17.50 Black Plush, size 12 ..... $13.75
$22.50 Brown Velvet, size 14 ..... $14.50
$19.50 Black Plush, size 14 ..... $12.50
$15.50 Taupe Burrella, size 14 ..... $9.75
$11.00 Corduroy Brown, mixed, size 14 ... $6.50
$11.00 Green Polo Cloth, size 14 ..... $6.75
$15.50 Murron Zebeline, size 15 ..... $9.75
$17.50 Oxford Cheviot, size 15 ..... $10.75
$16.50 Dark Red Plush, size 14 ..... $10.50

WAISTS

One lost of waists in Lawn, Voile and Organdies. Regular $1.25 to $5.50 value. Sale Price ..... 1-4 off

BATH ROBES

One lot of Bath Robes. Regular $5.90 value. Sale Price, ... $4.90

FURS

One lot of Furs at 1-2 price.

One lot of Fur Scarfs and Muffs in Siberian Wolf, Moline, Beaver Coney, Kit Coney. Regular value $8.50 to $60.00. Sale Price 20% off.

CORSET COVERS

One lot of embroidered trimmed Corset Covers, all sizes. Regular price 25c to 50c. Sale Price 20% off.

CORSETS

One lot of Nemo and Glove Fitting Corsets. Sale Price 1-3 off.

SKIRTS

One lot of Skirts in sizes 25 to 28. Regular value $4.50 to $10.75. Sale Price 1-2 off.

TOYS

One lot of Dolls, Games and Toys 20% off.
One lot of Games and Toys 1-2 price.

UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Fleeced-lined Vest and Pants—all sizes. Regular price $1.25 and $1.50. Sale Price ..... $1.09 and $1.29

Men's fine French Worsted Shirts and Drawers, small sizes 30 to 36 only. Today's price $4.00. Sale Price $1.50

BLANKETS

White, Gray and Tan Cotton Blankets.
$3.50 Blankets, 64x76. Sale Price ... $3.19
$4.00 Blankets, 68x80. Sale Price: ... $3.60
$4.50 Blankets, 72x80. Sale Price ... $3.98

WOOLNAP BLANKETS

$7.50 Woolnap, 72x80. Sale Price $6.50

WOOL BLANKETS

$9.00 Wool Blankets, 66x80. Sale Price .. $8.00
$10.75 Wool Blankets $9.00
$11.75 Wool Blankets, 70x80. Sale Price $10.75

FLOOR COVERINGS

Congoleum and Ringwalt's felt base, substitute for linoleum, that will wear, give service and satisfaction, good range of patterns to choose from. Regular value $1.00. Sale Price 79c
39c Congoleum Rugs, 18x36. Sale Price .. 29c
60c Granite Ingrain Carpet, 1 yard wide ... 45c

VENTILATORS

The Sanitary Ventilators made of special cloth, permitting fresh air without drafts, dust, rain or snow, 9 in. high; adjustable, 31 in. to 47in. at 75c
Smaller size 65c

DRESS SHIRTS

One lot of White Stiff Bosom Full Dress Shirts if bought today, would cost $3.50. Sale Price $1.50

ARROW COLLARS

One lot of Men Arrow Collars. Regular value 25c. Sale Price 15c

PORT ALLEGANY

A very pretty wedding took place Saturday, December 27, at 12 o'clock noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs Henry Johnson, Ransom street when their daughter, Esther, became the bride of Mr. Algot H. Anderson. The ceremony was performed by Rev G. S. Larson in presence of only the nearest relatives and a few invited guests. Mr. Carl Holmes acted as best man and the bride's sister, Miss Jennie E. Johnson, assisted the bride. The bride was attired in a beautiful white georgette crepe gown and wore veil caught with orange blossoms. The bridesmaid wore pink chiffon over pink silk. The happy couple left on the 5 o'clock train for Youngstown, Ohio, where Mr. Anderson has employment and where they will make their home.

Mr. Homer Thomas, a well known Smethport young man and Ola Nelson, a popular Port Allegany young lady, were united in marriage, December 22d by the Rev. Margeson of the Baptist Church of Smethport. Mr. Thomas, who made a valient record during the late war is employed at the window glass factory here and the couple will reside in this town.

The marriage of Charles Lewis and Miss Bebtra Spencer took place Monday, December 22d, at the Presbyterian parsonage, Rev. A. E. French officiating. After the ceremony they went on a honeymoon trip to Sinclairville, N. Y., where his sister resides. Since their return they have been making their home in the Foote Building on Main street. Both are popular young people of this section. Mr. Lewis being a World war veteran and Miss Spencer having taught a number of terms in the Liberty Township schools.

On Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock was solemnized a very pretty wedding when Miss Edna Crane Laymon and Mr. Harry Philip Kurtz were united in holy wedlock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Chas. O. Laymon on Mill street, the Rev. Charles Odell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiating. The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was used. The bride is a daughter of the late Editor Chas. Laymon of the Port Allegany Reporter and is a girl of very high character, and has been manager of the Owen Music Store for the past two years. The happy couple left on the 5 o'clock flyer for a short trip including Buffalo and Toronto.

The following guests were present: Mrs. Chas. O. Laymon and Beulah Laymon Greeno of Madison, Wis. mother and sister of the bride. Mr. Philip Kurtz and Miss Mary Kurtz of Washington, mother and sister of groom, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Odell, Mr. and Mrs. George Strauss, and Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Taylor.—Reporter Argus.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That letters of administration have been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Elizabeth Cummingham, late of the Borough of Smethport, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate to present them for the purpose of payment, to Hamlin Bank and Trust Co., Administrator, Hamlin Bank and Trust Co. Building, Smethport, Pa.

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